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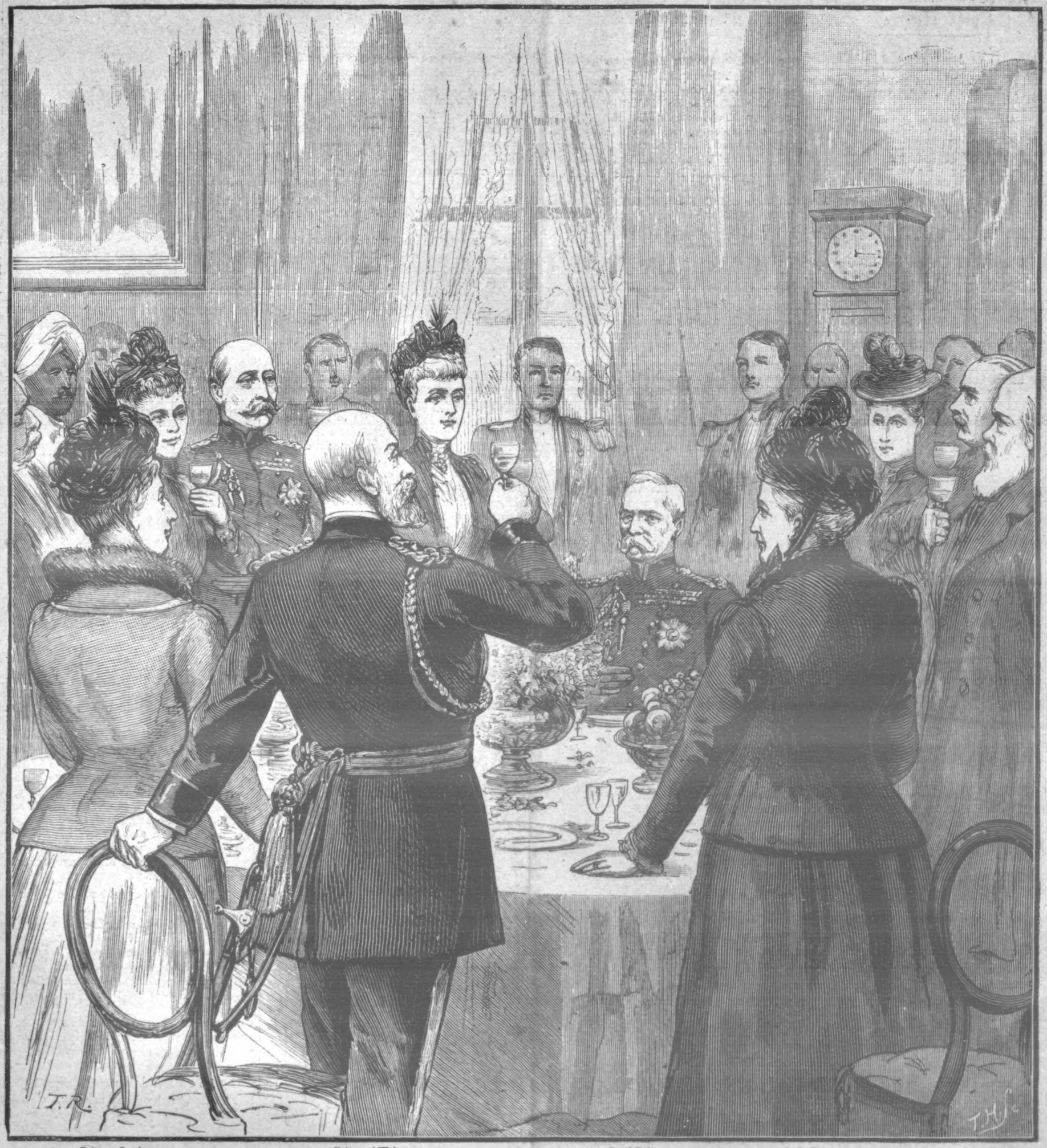

Princess Louise. Prince of Wales. Lord Roberts. Lady Roberts. Lord Salisbury.

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A POPULAR ENGAGEMENT.

GENERAL POLE-CAREW is engaged to be married to Lady Beatrice Butler, and this item of social intelligence is creating much gossip in Irish and English society circles. The bridegroom-elect hails from the West Country, and is almost as popular there as Sir Redvers Buller, to whom he is related, his mother having been a Miss Buller, of Morval. The gallant soldier first acquired his nickname of "Polly Carew" at Eton, where he is still remembered by one or two of the older masters. He entered the Coldstream Guards when he was twenty, and there are few officers of his age in the British Army who have seen more active service. He went through the Afghan Campaign as a member of Lord Roberts's Staff, and among his cherished possessions is the Kandahar medal. General Pole-Carew, whose quaintly named country home, Antony House, Torpoint, is one of the loveliest places in the West, was till recently regarded

LADY BEATRICE BUTLER. LIEUTENANT-GENERAL POLE-CAREW.

as a confirmed bachelor, his heir-presumptive being his brother, Mr. Charles Edward Pole-Carew, who owns a valuable coffee-estate in Ceylon.

Lady Beatrice Butler is one of the two charming daughters of Lord and Lady Ormonde. Both have inherited the beauty for which the Grosvenor and the Butler family are noted. Lady Beatrice and Lady Constance have spent much of their youth at Kilkenny Castle, but as children they were also constantly at Eaton Hall, and even as quite young girls they accompanied their parents to Cowes, where each year Lord Ormonde, who is a prominent member of the Royal Yacht Squadron, has always taken an interest in yachting. Lady Beatrice has often helped her mother to entertain Royalty, one of the last occasions being that of the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York to Kilkenny Castle, the Duchess having been specially delighted with the lovely old place. It is hoped in Ireland that the wedding will take place from Kilkenny, but it is far more likely that the ceremony will be celebrated in the Metropolis.

To Correspondents.

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Talk of London.

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EARL ROBERTS IN TOWN.

LONDON is the livelier for the presence in town of our wonderfully blithe and active, genial and Duty-loving new Commander-in-Chief. During a pretty long acquaintance with public functions, I have seen none better stage-managed than was the welcome of Earl Roberts at the gaily beflagged Paddington Terminus of the Great Western Railway. No sooner had the landau containing the Prince and Princess of Wales driven up to the platform than the train bearing Lord Roberts and staff entered the station; and the Prince alighted with the Princess in the nick of time to greet Field-Marshal "Bobs" as he nimbly leapt from his carriage, with characteristic heartiness. It was a most interesting Royal and military group. The Princess of Wales (who engaged in a smiling conversation with the plumed and cloaked hero of the occasion) and her daughter Victoria, the Duke of Connaught and his young soldier son, the Duke and Duchess of York, F.-M. Lord Wolseley, Major-General Trotter were noticeable in this brilliant gathering, the marshalling of which was facilitated by the admirable arrangements of Mr. J. L. Wilkinson, the G.W.R. General Manager, and a devoted Lieutenant-Colonel of Volunteers himself. It was

Just Like "Bobs"

to engage in conversation with the officers of the Irish Guards and the Volunteer guard of honour, and considerately to mention them by name to the Prince as they inspected this fine body of soldiers. This instance of his habitual consideration for others was of a piece with Earl Roberts's warm eulogium of Lord Kitchener at Cowes and Southampton, and his expression of fullest confidence in the present Commander-in-Chief in South Africa. It was clear from the cordiality and alacrity with which all the Generals in the station yard saluted their honoured chief that his wishes as regards the reform of the Army will be carried out to the letter, so far as they are concerned. Cheering and hopeful was it to note, in view of the heavy reorganisation work before him, that "Bobs" appeared to be in the best of health as he drove with Generals Kelly-Kenny and Ian Hamilton and the Queen's representative from the station to the music of loud British cheers. His injured right hand was still in a sling. But as he answered the ringing cheers with his left hand, his smile was full of brightness, his large blue eyes were full of tender light, and it was manifest the keen brain working behind the broad, intellectual brows was in capital working order. A clear route was kept by the military and Metropolitan Police Forces engaged, and the drive of the conquering hero by way of London Street, Hyde Park, Piccadilly, St. James's Street, and the Mall to

Buckingham Palace

was soon accomplished. As will be seen from the Drawing on the front page, the Palace luncheon given in the Bow Room by Her Majesty in honour of the great little warrior, upon whom she conferred the Order of the Garter and an Earldom at Osborne, was arranged at separate tables. The Prince presided as Her Majesty's representative, and had with him at the chief table the Princess of Wales and Princess Victoria, the Duke of Connaught and Princess Louise, the Duchess of York, Earl and Countess Roberts, the Marquis of Salisbury, the Duke of Cambridge, Lord Selborne, and Lord Wolseley. The Prince's appreciative speech proposing the health of Earl Roberts was most heartily drunk and most happily responded to by "Bobs," who, in returning thanks, did not forget the comrades he left behind him. He said the only drawback to his happiness was that circumstances in South Africa prevented more of his comrades being with him—comrades to whose valour and military skill he owed any success that might have been achieved in South Africa. He much wished that some representatives of the great Colonies could have accompanied him—Colonies which had given their bravest and their best to fight for the Mother Country in signal proof of the unity of the Empire under one flag and under one Sovereign.

Lord Roberts, in a letter to the Press, made a most impressive appeal to the public that their gratitude for what our brave fighting-men have done in South Africa should be best shown by liberally subscribing to

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association,

the Princess of Wales's kindly recommendation of which has, with "Bobs'" endorsement, drawn numerous charitable subscriptions in the New Year to the Lord Mayor's Mansion House Fund. It must have been gratifying to Her Royal Highness and to the noble Earl to note among the donations on Monday £100 from Miss Ellen Terry, £500 from the Football Association, £500 from Mr. H. S. Bowlby, and £250 from the founder and supporter of the Langman Field Hospital at Bloemfontein, Mr. John Langman, who wrote this timely letter in supplementing his noble hospital gifts with this handsome sum—

"I have just returned from South Africa, where I have had special opportunities of witnessing the devotion and self-sacrifice of our soldiers and their wonderful patience under suffering in the hospitals; and it would be deplorable if the wives and families of these brave men were allowed to suffer want and privation.

"The most fitting testimonial, and one that I am sure would be most gratifying to Lord Roberts, would be a very generous response to the personal appeal his Lordship has made through the Press."

"Bobs" at Work.

Lord Roberts's high sense of Duty and inexhaustible capacity for hard work, exemplified by his being up with the lark and labouring throughout a long day at the Front, was illustrated afresh the very afternoon of his arrival in London. With a lively sense, peradventure, of Lord Kitchener's need for more soldiers, he proceeded after the Royal luncheon straight to the War Office. The old campaigner was not to be tempted by the charming Irish airs played

LORD ROBERTS ON BOARD THE "CANADA" OFF COWES.

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Entremets.
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Gâteaux Moka.

It may be taken for granted, so loyal is "Bobs" to all who follow him, that the Commander-in-Chief did not doff his Field-Marshal's uniform till he had seen that reinforcements would start at the earliest possible moment for the Cape. The populace cheered him anew when he went to Mackellar's Hotel to rejoin Lady Roberts, and to rest awhile before Mr. Brodrick's dinner in his honour. With Paddington Lord Roberts has become quite familiar. Cheered there afresh last Saturday afternoon, when he started for Somersetshire to pay a visit to his niece, Mrs. Huntly Thring, at Castle Carey, he returned to the same busy station on Monday afternoon, experiencing a similarly cordial reception, and having a chat with Mr. J. L. Wilkinson there, before resuming his duties at the War Office, where the Duke of Connaught had an interview with him.

The First Snowfall of the Year in London,

which transformed suburban commons and squares and gardens into so many white wedding-cakes, found the newly elected councils no more ready to grapple with the question of cleansing the thoroughfares than their predecessors were. Too bad! London householders were never taxed so highly. Yet upon individuals do the local authorities throw the work of removing snow from the pavements. Pull yourselves together, gentlemen, and reform all these things ere the Century is a week older.

The Australian Commonwealth,

besides flashing loyal and affectionate messages to the Queen, who promptly returns them, proves its practical sympathy with the Motherland by sending 2300 men and 2500 horses to Cape Town to help quell the Boer guerillas. But Sir W. J. Lyne, in transmitting this news to Mr. Chamberlain put a question which, doubtless, came home

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LORD ROBERTS'S ARRIVAL AT THE HARTLEY INSTITUTE, SOUTHAMPTON, WHERE HE WAS PRESENTED WITH THE FREEDOM OF THE TOWN.

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to that keen-witted business man. "They can be ready about the end of this month. I shall be glad to know how long the troops will be engaged for, and if the pay commences from enlistment. It is absolutely necessary that the Imperial Government should send transports for conveyance to South Africa. It would be very desirable that equipment other than horses should be found on arrival there. The New South Wales troops now there must have the option of returning." The Colonial Secretary may be relied upon to have replied satisfactorily.

The Prince at a Wedding.

I wonder whether any of the noble company present at the grand wedding in St. George's, Hanover Square, on Jan. 4, looked up, and saw recorded on the front of one of the galleries the interesting historic fact that one of Lord Salisbury's ancestors once acted as Churchwarden? The odds are that attention centred upon the beautifully adorned altar, where that exceedingly wealthy knight, Sir Ernest Cassel, K.C.M.G., of Dalby Hall, Melton Mowbray, gave his daughter away to Mr. Wilfred H. Ashley, the eldest son of Mr. Evelyn Ashley. The Prince of Wales did the happy couple the honour to be present, and gave a handsome wedding gift. And near H.R.H. were Princess Louise with the Duke of Argyll, Mr. and Mrs. Choate, and many other distinguished personages. A portrait is given on this page of the bride, who was followed to the chancel by six bridesmaids. Sir Ernest Cassel entertained the wedding guests at his Grosvenor Square mansion; and Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Ashley started to pass the first part of their honeymoon at Milburn, Esher, kindly lent them by the Hon. E. and Mrs. Bourke. The Prince's present was a gold bangle, studded with diamonds, and having a large ruby centre; and Sir Ernest Cassel gave his daughter a beautiful tiara of diamonds and a large jewelled spray of flowers.

Shakspere's "Coriolanus"

will, of course, attract much attention in the spring. Former versions of the play are being looked up by "old stagers" in order to compare it with Sir Henry Irving's arrangements for the Lyceum. Some eighty to a hundred years ago there was a rage for "improving" Shakspere. Even the best actors lent themselves to this objectionable system, while hosts of literary men imagined they could make the great poet more popular on the stage. Thomson, the poet of "The Seasons," was one of these, but he failed miserably. John Kemble exercised his literary skill with feeble results. Edmund Kean was the most ambitious improver of any. He certainly restored much of the original text which had been mercilessly omitted. It is generally understood that Sir Henry Irving will follow in the footsteps of that famous actor, while, possibly, availing himself of some useful suggestions made by Macready, who greatly admired the play, reviving it at Covent Garden in 1838, and playing the hero with grand effect according to the annals of the drama.

The Death of Mr. C. L. Carson,

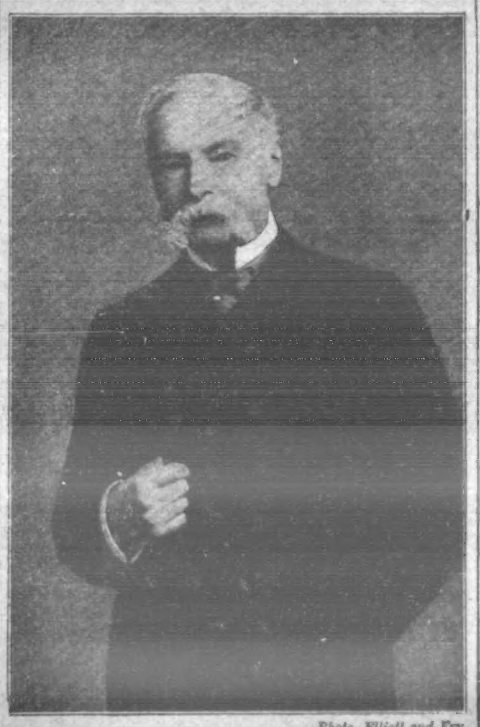
the Editor and one of the proprietors of the *Stage*, took place rather suddenly on Jan. 2 at the comparatively early age of fifty-three. His widow, formerly known as Miss Lizzie Claremont, was an excellent comedy actress, who assisted her husband most earnestly in all matters of interest to the theatrical profession, and was especially energetic in promoting the welfare of actresses and the humbler members of the profession by means of the Benevolent Association, of which she has been the life and soul.

Mr. August Manns,

the distinguished and experienced conductor, is, the public will be glad to learn, specially reappointed "Musical Director of the Crystal Palace." A spring series of concerts will be commenced in March by Mr. Manns, who will also conduct several great musical festivals at the Palace later on.

"The Silver Slipper,"

which is to succeed "Florodora" at the Lyric Theatre, has promising elements of novelty. Opening in an English park, the scene speedily changes to Venus (why not Mars? the *Sketch* asks), where we learn that a beautiful goddess, having dropped her silver slipper to earth, is sent on a voyage of discovery, this fortunate lost slipper causing more excitement than that of Cinderella. The fair immortal finds earth less attractive than her former home, and is disconsolate at first, but recovers her spirits at the Fair of Neuilly, near Paris, a scene that presents the fullest opportunities for fun and picturesque effect. Miss Madge Lessing, the charming American representative of Beauty at Drury Lane, will probably play the slipperless goddess. The company engaged by Mr. Tom B. Davis for the production includes some of the very best extravaganza performers, while the scenery, the music, and the sprightly dialogue of "Owen Hall," will be of the most brilliant kind. Meanwhile, melodious "Florodora" still draws at the Lyric.



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The R.A. Winter Exhibition

is remarkable for its fine array of Turners and Fred. Walkers, with a few Millais portraits and some richly glowing Sir John Gilberts, and grand Cecil Lawsons, and Leslies and William Hunts thrown into the bargain. From the slush of Piccadilly it is very pleasant to turn into Burlington House, and admire once again the admirable paintings exhibited of the English School.

The "Punch" Changes

have been much canvassed, as the jocund paper edited by that arch-humorist, Mr. F. C. Burnand, is rightly regarded as a national institution, just as the *Times* and the *Illustrated London News* are. The subjects of the Tenniel cartoons have been so well chosen by the *Punch* knights of the Round Table, over whom Mark Lemon, Shirley Brooks, Tom Taylor, and F. C. Burnand have successively presided, and have been invariably executed with such conscientious care, and finished skill by Sir John Tenniel, that they have become part and parcel of the life of the Empire. In the full maturity of his powers, this well-loved octogenarian Artist retires to make room for the one man who has best qualified himself to succeed his veteran colleague, and to carry on the arduous work with truth and vigour. Linley Sambourne is that man: there's due vigour in the opening Kitchener to John Bull cartoon this week. I know of no kindlier circle than the *Punch* staff. May genial comradeship and *esprit de corps* continue to reign at the hospitable Round Table!

THE PROMPTER.

MISS MAUD CASSEL (DAUGHTER OF SIR ERNEST CASSEL), MARRIED TO MR. WILFRED W. ASHLEY, SON OF THE RIGHT HON. EVELYN ASHLEY, AT ST. GEORGE'S, HANOVER SQUARE, ON JAN. 4.

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HOW THE WORLD WAGS.

THE QUEEN has decided to reside at the Hôtel Excelsior Regina, Cimiez, during March and April. This will be Her Majesty's sixth visit to Cimiez.

Her Majesty will institute a new Order of Knighthood at no distant date. The various orders in existence are all strictly limited in membership by statute, and in view of the campaign in South Africa some such foundation will probably become necessary.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the Decoration of the Royal Red Cross upon Miss E. Bourguignon, Mrs. Bellingham, and Mrs. Drosthe, in recognition of the special services rendered to the sick and wounded, and to the troops generally, during the fighting in Tientsin in June-July 1900.

The Prince of Wales paid a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire at Chatsworth on Monday, a distinguished company having been invited to meet him.

H.R.H. the Duke of York was on Jan. 2 appointed by the Queen to be Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Marine Forces.

The Duke of Cambridge and the Duke of Connaught were present at the dinner on Monday night of the Green Jacket Club, given in honour of General Sir Redvers Buller.

Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, has consented to visit the Battersea Polytechnic for the annual distribution of prizes and certificates on Tuesday evening, Jan. 29.

Karl Alexander, Grand Duke of Saxe-Weimar, succumbed last Saturday evening to the effects of the attack of influenza that befell him in Christmas week. He was in his eighty-third year, having been born in June 1818, and was the oldest of the German reigning princes. During the forty-seven and a half years that he ruled over his subjects he was always the type of a genial prince, a true and educated patron of art and science, and a soldier who won his spurs in action on the battlefield.

The Death of the Grand Duke of Saxe-Weimar will not affect the date of Queen Wilhelmina's marriage, which is fixed for Feb. 7, as the period of Court mourning will by that time have elapsed.

Field-Marshal Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Colonel of the 1st Life Guards, is one of the two surviving cousins of the late Grand Duke.

South African Administration.—Her Majesty has approved the following appointments: Sir Alfred Milner to be Governor of the Transvaal and of the Orange River Colony, in addition to the post of High Commissioner for South Africa; Hon. Sir W. F. Hely-Hutchinson to be Governor of the Cape of Good Hope; Brevet-Colonel Sir H. E. McCallum to be Governor of Natal; and Major Hamilton J. Goold-Adams to be Lieutenant-Governor of the Orange River Colony. Sir Walter Hely-Hutchinson, who leaves Natal for Cape Town, accompanied Sir Hercules Robinson to Fiji as Special Attaché on the occasion of the cession of the islands to Great Britain in 1874, and held various Colonial Secretaryships between that time and 1889, when he was

HON. SIR W. F. HELY-HUTCHINSON. COLONEL SIR HENRY E. MCCALLUM.

appointed Governor of the Windward Islands. He has been Governor of Natal since 1893. From far-off Newfoundland, where he has been settled for two or three years only, the Imperial Government have called Colonel Sir Henry E. McCallum, the son of a Royal Marine officer, to administer the Colony of Natal. He passed out of Woolwich with great distinction thirty years ago, and did good work as a Royal Engineer in this country, as in the Straits Settlements, Hong-Kong, Singapore, Penang, and elsewhere. Nine years since he was the Special Commissioner chosen to suppress the outburst in Pehang. He also constructed the new fortifications of Singapore, gaining thereby the K.C.M.G. While acting as Governor and Commander-in-Chief at Lagos, he carried out a special mission to the Hinterland in 1898, in connection with French aggression.

War Office Reorganisation.—A Committee has been appointed to consider the present arrangements for the transaction of business within the War Office. The step is an important one, and is acknowledged on all hands to be most timely. The six members of the Committee are men of recognised independence and character, and include Mr. Clinton Dawkins (chairman), Sir Charles Welby, M.P., Mr. Beckett, M.P., Mr. W. Mather, M.P., Mr. G. Gibb, and Colonel Sir G. Clarke. Mr. Clinton Dawkins is forty-one years of age, and the son of the late Mr. Clinton Dawkins, of the Foreign Office. Educated at Cheltenham College and Balliol College, Oxford, he entered the India Office in 1884. In 1886 he became private secretary to Lord Cross, then Secretary of State, and acted in a similar capacity to Mr. Goschen, who was Chancellor of the Exchequer in 1889. At one time Mr. Clinton Dawkins was financial adviser to the Egyptian Government, and afterwards Minister of Finance in India. He is now a partner in the firm of J. S. Morgan and Co., and his ability as an authority on finance is generally admitted.

MR. CLINTON DAWKINS.

Mr. Henry Baden-Powell, C.I.E., half-brother of the defender of Mafeking, died somewhat suddenly at his residence, Ferlys Lodge, Banbury Road, Oxford, early in the morning of Jan. 3, after a period of indifferent health. He was the eldest son of the late Professor Baden-Powell, of Oxford, and in 1861 became a member of the Bengal Civil Service at the early age of twenty, ultimately attaining the position of one of the judges of the Chief Court of the Punjab.

Lord Brassey, as a thank-offering for his safe return after a long absence in Australia, has promised to bear the expense of the erection of a handsome reading-room and institute, with a large hall, at the Sussex village of Catsfield, near which he resides.

Flag of Australia.—Our sketch shows the design of the flag that at the Mansion House signalised the early

THE FLAG OF AUSTRALIA.

hours of the Australian Commonwealth. As everyone knows, there is not yet a recognised Australian flag—no strictly official symbol of the great confederation that has just been inaugurated. The Australian colonies are entitled to fly the British red ensign, adding in the right half the badge of the particular colony to which the ship flying the flag belongs. In adopting the Union Jack and the starry cross, the flag with which the Lord Mayor of London complimented United Australia bears an unmistakable likeness to the badge of New South Wales, Victoria, and New Zealand, all of which contain reminders of the Southern Cross. Naturally, the people of Australia are deeply interested in the design of their future flag. Several competitions are occurring, and we await with pleasurable concern the decision of our friends at the Antipodes respecting this international emblem.

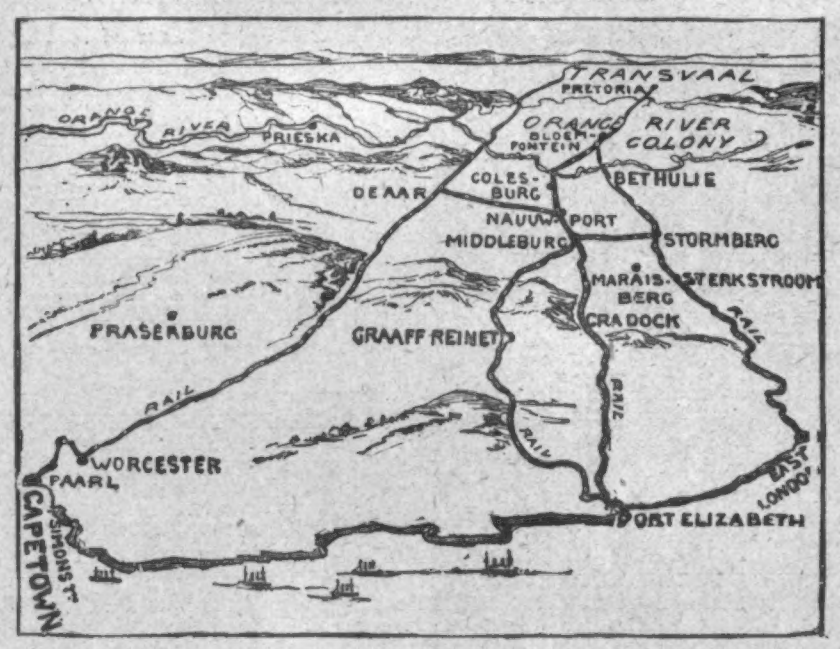
Death of Ignatius Donnelly.—The death occurred at Minneapolis last week, after a short illness, of Mr. Ignatius Donnelly, the author of "The Great Cryptogram," which professed to prove that Bacon wrote the Shakspere plays. He was in his seventieth year.

To Trace Nelson Relics.—A clue to the whereabouts of the stolen Greenwich relics has been obtained by the police, who are vigorously following it up. Taken from the Hospital between Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 8 and 9, the relics disappeared, apparently without a trace being left behind by the thieves, who were aided in their escape by a thick fog. Important developments are expected shortly.

Fatal Alpine Accident.—The *Standard's* Berlin Correspondent describes a mournful accident, which is sketched in the *P.I.P.* Three students of the Lausanne High School, each about seventeen years old, started on a trip through the Canton of Vaux, without guides, during the Christmas holidays. The first night they slept in the Barberine hut, intending to ascend the Beloiseau, about two thousand six hundred and twenty-four mètres high, the next morning. The weather, however, being unfavourable, they resolved to return. They had just passed the most dangerous portion of the road, which was completely covered with snow, when an avalanche suddenly came thundering down, and carried one of them, a lad named Von Rahm, along with it. The two others, Forel and Decretan, hastened to the next village and summoned a rescue party, which, in spite of the fearful storm and the darkness of the night, at once set to work. The father of young Forel, who is a Professor at Morsee, then went with sixty men up the mountain, but could find no trace of the missing youth. Some of the party narrowly escaped being killed by another avalanche, which came to a standstill just in front of them. Some years ago a brother of Von Rahm fell from a precipice of the Gornergrat, in the Canton of Vaux, and was killed.

Lord Leconfield died on Monday at his town residence, Chesterfield Gardens. His Lordship, the second in the title, was born in 1830, his father (George Wyndham) having been the adopted heir of the third, and last but one, of the Earls of Egremont. A peerage was conferred on him in 1859, and he died in 1869, when he was succeeded by his second son (the eldest having predeceased him), who has now expired, to the grief of a large circle of relatives and friends by whom he was loved and esteemed. His Lordship, for about fifteen years previous to the death of his father, was in the Life Guards, whence he retired with the rank of Captain. Since then he has lived the life of a country gentleman at his magnificent place at Petworth, near Chichester.

Boer Invasion of Cape Colony.—The terms of Lord Kitchener to all burghers who surrender are undeniably lenient, and will, let us hope, lead to a large number accepting his offer as soon as they have the opportunity. The enrolment of Cape Colonists is an exceptionally welcome sign.



SKETCH MAP INDICATING THE VICINITIES IN WHICH THE BOER INVASIONS INTO CAPE COLONY ARE TAKING PLACE.

Our Bird's-Eye Map indicates the vicinities in which the invasions are taking place. The affected districts embrace an area as large as that of the whole of Great Britain. The eastern or smaller portion of the invaders, who crossed the Orange River in the neighbourhood of Aliwal North, came down the railway from Albert Junction, and were said to be near Graaf Reinet. Middelburg, near which Colonel Williams has had an engagement with the enemy, is the centre of a large district, wherein much agriculture, horse and cattle breeding, and ostrich-farming is carried on. Cradock is another important agricultural centre, six miles south of Middelburg. Rosmead Junction is sixty-six miles west of Stormberg Junction, a branch line connecting them with Steynsburg, midway along the route. North-east of Stormberg, but off the railway, is Ladygrey, the place at which one party of raiders was first reported in Cape Colony.

Lord Kitchener reports two fights, one at Naauwpoort, in the Transvaal, the other near Lindley, in the Orange River Colony. In the former action the British losses are reported slight, the Boer casualties being put down at twenty killed and wounded, while Commandant Dupreez is a prisoner in the British hands.

The Lindley Affair was more serious. The engagement was fought between a detachment 120 strong of the Commander-in-Chief's bodyguard attached to General C. Knox's column and a much larger number of Boers, evidently from De Wet's force. The British losses were heavy, as shown by the War Office telegram following.

Delarey Defeated near Pretoria.—On Monday the War Office issued the following despatch: Residency, Pretoria, Jan. 6 (5.30 p.m.). Yesterday Babington engaged Delarey and Steinkamp's commandoes at Naauwpoort. The enemy were forced to retire N.W. Our casualties not yet received, but reported slight. Boer doctor admitted twenty killed and wounded. Commandant Duprez prisoner. From reports of some wounded who have arrived at Heilbron, it appears that a detachment bodyguard, 120 strong, belonging to General Charles Knox's force, came in contact with superior number of enemy near Lindley. I regret to say Lieutenant-Colonel Laing and two officers and fifteen men were killed, and two officers and twenty men were wounded.

The Burghers in the Bloemfontein district are of opinion that the Boer leaders in Orange River Colony will not be able to hold out much longer, as their ammunition and supplies must be almost exhausted, and they are fighting with no real object in view.

The Terms of Lord Kitchener's Latest Proclamation are considered most liberal, and are exactly what the burghers still in the field want, but there will be great difficulty in making these terms known to them, since the leaders are doing their utmost to keep all information of this kind from their men.

Blacks Desirous of Helping the British.—A telegram from Cape Town says that, replying to a deputation from the coloured inhabitants of the Western Province, who expressed a desire to assist in repelling the invaders, Sir Alfred Milner said that he appreciated their desire to help the Government, but there were many ways of doing so besides taking up arms. The coloured people in the country districts might, for instance, help the military operations by giving information to the authorities.

Mr. Malan, member of the Cape House of Assembly, and editor of the Afrikander journal *Ons Land*, has been arrested on a charge of defamatory and seditious libel, reflecting on the conduct of General French and the troops under his command. Mr. Malan was subsequently liberated on his personal bail in £500.

It is Reported that a gun-boat has been stationed off Noordhoek Inlet, in False Bay, close to Simonstown, to watch the district, which is notoriously pro-Boer. It is said there was a plot to destroy the Cape Town waterworks on the top of Table Mountain. A strong guard is being placed over the whole watershed.

The Approach of the Boers to within 150 miles of Cape Town has, says the *Standard* correspondent, lent a great impetus to recruiting, and the enrolling of the Town Guards throughout the peninsula is proceeding briskly. In view of the rapid advance southwards of the invading commandoes, the correspondent says, a pessimistic tone prevails in well-informed circles.

The 1st King's Dragoon Guards, under Lieutenant-Colonel Owen, left Aldershot early on Tuesday morning to embark in the *Maplemore* at the Royal Albert Dock for South Africa.

Mr. Tesla and the "Message from Mars." Intense interest has always been felt in the career of Mr. Nikola Tesla, who has recently explained that, along with other scientific men, he believes Mars to be inhabited, and that the inhabitants are trying to communicate with our "terrestrial ball." The popular Servian electrician was born at Smiljau. In 1873 he graduated at Karlstadt, and was destined for the Church by his father, a Greek priest. Magnetism and mechanics were, however, the subjects of his absorbing study; and at Gratz, Prague, and Budapest he continued the course of instruction which enabled him to take a post under Government in the Telegraph Engineering Department. In Paris in 1881 he undertook the management of an electric light company, and shortly afterwards proceeded to America, where he began his New World career in the establishment of Edison. By his methods the waterfalls of Tivoli already light the city of Rome, sixteen miles away; and Niagara supplies energy to the city of Buffalo, twenty-two miles off, besides working the tramways of Baltimore.

MR. TESLA.

Millionaire's Death.—Mr. Philip Danforth Armour, who died last Sunday, was born at Stockbridge, New York, in 1832, and was in 1863 a member of the firm of Plankington, Armour, and Co., packers, but later became interested in the Chicago grain firm of H. C. Armour and Co., which

SAD ACCIDENT TO A LAUSANNE SCHOOLBOY: KILLED BY AN ALPINE AVALANCHE.

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established a pork-packing plant, and became Armour and Co. Since 1875 he had been head of the firm, which now conducts the largest pork-packing, dressed meat, provision, and general canning business in the world. Mr. Armour had given £500,000 to the Armour Mission and Armour Institute, which he founded.

Death of a "Daily Telegraph" Explorer. The *Daily Telegraph*, which has nobly supplemented the Mansion House in relieving the unfortunate ones made widows and orphans by the Boer War, is untiring in its enterprise as well as in its public benevolence. With our esteemed contemporary we deeply regret to announce the untimely death, at Wadelai, from dysentery, on Nov. 17, of Mr. Guy Powell, eldest son of Major S. Powell, of the Grove, Bishopton, Ripon. Mr. Powell, who was quite young, was the only white man who accompanied the *Daily Telegraph* Expedition, conducted by Mr. Lionel Decle, "from Cape Town to Cairo."

Death of Miss Bessie Wentworth.—Miss Bessie Wentworth, plantation song and dance artist, died last Sunday morning, after four weeks' illness, at her house in Lambeth Road, from an attack of typhoid fever, at the early age of twenty-seven. Up to the time of her illness this clever and sympathetic singer of coon songs had been performing in London. She had been engaged to take the part of principal boy in the pantomime of "Robinson Crusoe" at the Deptford Theatre, New Cross. Miss Wentworth had also made engagements up to 1903, and

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THE LATE MISS BESSIE WENTWORTH,
THE POPULAR SINGER OF COON SONGS.

was to have been married this month. She introduced much refinement into her rendering of coon songs, which won for her much popularity in Newcastle-on-Tyne and Bristol pantomimes, and also at the Halls.

A Show-Woman 109 Years Old.—Mrs. Ann Smith, a Worcester woman, who has lived to see three centuries, died on Saturday, aged 109. She was born at Pershore, Worcestershire, in a travelling-showman's van, and lived in one practically all her life.

The First Annual Dinner of the O.P. Club takes place at the Criterion on Sunday, Jan. 13. The President, Mr. Cecil Raleigh, will propose the toast of "The Drama," to which Mr. Beerbohm Tree will respond. Mr. Findon, President of the Playgoers' Club, will preside at that club's annual dinner the following Sunday, when Mr George Alexander will be chief guest.

A New Lease of Life is held out to persons suffering from loss of blood through disease or injury. This seems to be the result of a discovery announced at Chicago as the outcome of six months' investigation and experiments conducted by Dr. W. Byron Coakley, whose cure is to inject a hot salt solution.

THE WORLD OF PASTIME.

H. W. STEVENSON, THE NEW BILLIARD CHAMPION.

THOUGH Stevenson's three victories over C. Dawson in Messrs Burroughes and Watts's Handicap Tournament were obtained in such a manner as to impress one with the notion that there was not much between the pair in the matter of skill, there were few, perhaps, who seriously thought that the holder of the championship would not be able to make good his right to retain the title. Dawson has, however, failed, and we may take it that both he and his very many friends are greatly disappointed. The match, extended over the whole of last week, was played at the

Gaiety Restaurant,

where, in the past, we were wont to assemble for the purpose of watching championships and other important matches. It was there that the late William Cook played and lost his last match against John Roberts for the title and cup, which the last-named eventually became entitled to in perpetuity. No one would come forward to meet the most renowned player of modern times on a table such as was then used for championship matches, and Roberts declined to play on any other, though W. J. Peall again and again offered to meet him on level terms on an ordinary table which would enable Peall to make use of his remarkable skill at the spot stroke. The spot stroke is now barred, and yet Roberts still declines to compete for the championship, which is now carried out under the auspices of

The Billiard Association.

In selecting the Gaiety the governing body have every reason to feel gratified, for, due in some measure to the influence of old associations, and to a greater extent to the expectation of an interesting match, lovers of billiards came in numbers which exceeded seats. At the start Stevenson gained an advantage, and, despite an admirably played 534 by Dawson on the first evening, left off nearly 200 points to the good. The second day was full of interest, and though there was nothing sensational in the way of breaks, the manner in which the play proceeded proved intensely exciting. Apparently the strain was the better borne by Stevenson, who on the third day made his prospect particularly bright, and never looked back afterwards, showing really great form on the fourth evening, and leaving his opponent a long way behind. Indeed,

The Challenger Began on Saturday with a Lead of 2029 Points,

and he continued to show to better advantage than his opponent, though seemingly his play was affected by over-anxiety. A break of 207 by Stevenson and one of 189 by Dawson were the best things offered to lookers-on during Saturday evening, when the match ended in a victory for Stevenson by 2594 points, Dawson's final score being 6406. By winning Stevenson gains title, stakes, and share of a remarkable "gate," in the last of which Dawson, of course, participates.

Dawson has Challenged Stevenson

in the hope of recovering his lost laurels, but the champion will doubtless enjoy the rest allowed by the Billiard Association. He would not be human were he to risk the loss of his proud position in a needless hurry. Any challenge has to be accompanied by a deposit of £25, as the preliminary heats are for £50 aside. In the meantime there is the Billiard Association American Tournament to occupy the attention of lovers of the game. Neither Dawson nor Diggle is engaged, but Stevenson and Mitchell (each at scratch), Harverson (105), Bateman (105), North (110), Sala (125), Osborne (155), Mack (160), M Inman, reserve (165).

Wales Beats England at Football.

It must have been a little annoying that, after so much mildness in the weather the night previous to the first of the season's Rugby Union internationals should have been full of frost at Cardiff, where the match was played on Saturday. The ice-making king being succeeded by Old Sol, the Cardiff Arms Park ground was rendered somewhat slippery, and the play prejudiced in consequence. It did not affect the result, however, for it became quite evident that Wales, who played much the same team as last year, were, thanks chiefly to their backs, a good deal superior to England, whose players were not well together. Accidents, too, militated against the chance of the visitors, who at two different times had a man off the field. Some 30,000 persons were on the ground, and a good deal of enthusiasm was displayed, the crowd in turn singing the Welsh National Anthem, "Rule, Britannia!" and "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The attacking was by no means all done by Wales, but the scoring was. In the first half the Welshmen obtained a goal from a try: in the second, not long before the close of the match, two tries fell to them, and as from one of these a goal was kicked they won by 13 points to none. Of the eighteen matches that have now been played between these countries Wales have won six and one has been drawn.

Club Matches.

Richmond had two of their best men away, and suffered defeat at the hands of the Marlborough Nomads by 11 points to 8 in a game that was full of interest. Blackheath were also at Richmond as opponents of the Harlequins. The visitors were without C. T. Scott (playing for England), Gordon-Smith, and Cattell, and the absence of these three practically balanced matters. It was a fine game throughout, with nothing scored in the first half, and Blackheath winning by 11 points to 8. Old Merchant Taylors added to their successes with a victory over Rosslyn Park, but it was a very narrow one—6 points to 5. Matches in the supplementary round of the

Football Association Cup.

were played on Saturday with the following results: Liverpool beat West Ham United, 1 to 0; Reading and Bristol City drew; Bristol Rovers beat Luton Town, 2 to 0; Woolwich Arsenal beat Darwen, 2 to 0; Newton Heath beat Portsmouth, 3 to 0; New Brighton beat Burslem Port Vale, 3 to 1; Stoke beat Glossop, 1 to 0; Chesterfield beat Walsall, 3 to 0; Middlesbrough beat Grimsby Town, 1 to 0; Kettering beat Crewe Alexandra, 1 to 0.

The draw for the first round of the competition proper took place on Monday, and resulted as follows: Sunderland v. Sheffield United, Notts Forest v Leicester Fosse, Notts County v. Liverpool, Wolverhampton Wanderers v. New Brighton Tower, Stoke v. Small Heath, Southampton v. Everton, Middlesbrough v. Newcastle United, West Bromwich Albion v. Manchester City, Kettering v. Chesterfield, Reading or Bristol City v. Bristol Rovers, Newton Heath v. Burnley, Bolton Wanderers v. Derby County, Woolwich Arsenal v. Blackburn Rovers, Aston Villa v. Millwall, Tottenham Hotspur v. Preston North End, Sheffield Wednesday v. Bury. The first-named in each instance has choice of ground. Ties to be played on Saturday, Jan. 26 next. Kick-off, 2.45 p.m.

League Matches.

It was a memorable success gained by Notts Forest over Sheffield United, inasmuch as it was obtained on the latter's ground. Newcastle United also gained a win, but it was at home and against Blackburn Rovers. Sunderland, at Preston, could only draw with North End; Bury lost to Manchester City, the match being watched by 20,000 persons; Notts County beat Derby County at Nottingham; Aston Villa lost to West Bromwich Albion.

Club Matches.

With Clapton and Tottenham Hotspur in opposition, one might have anticipated that there would be a big crowd looking on; but the crowd did not exceed 3000 at the Tottenham ground. The game was fairly fast, and ended in favour of the 'Spurs by three goals to none. A team of German footballers playing at Berlin met the Southampton team at almost full strength, and suffered defeat by five goals to one. Since their removal to Barking, the London Caledonians have not seemed to be able to retain the position they once held. Still, on Saturday they did nothing to injure their reputation, for, after two goals had been scored against them by Marlow and the game seemed lost, they managed to get on level terms, and after a capital finish the result was a draw.

Lacrosse.

Kent met Middlesex at the Manor Way, Lee, last Saturday. The opening half was decidedly in favour of Middlesex. Towards the finish the Middlesex attacks became slack, and Kent, aided by a large share of luck, quickly scored three goals, and so won by six goals to five. At half-time Middlesex led by three goals to two. Despite the heavy ground, play was fast, and much of the combination was excellent.

Every endeavour is being made to make the game of lacrosse more popular, and I trust that by next season many new clubs will be formed. It is entirely a game of skill and fleetness, and, moreover, very interesting to watch.

Cross-Country.

There seems to be a good deal of vitality in the old Thames H. and H. just now, and this is not surprising when members are staunch and true. A strong love of sport, and of the club too, was displayed on Saturday by Maurice Wilson and J. E. Fowler-Dixon, for despite their age (together their years amount to nearly ninety), they undertook the task of trail-laying, and with fourteen minutes' start succeeded in defeating the "hounds." A mile race home among the hares was won by S. W. Fowler-Dixon. At the half-yearly meeting in the evening fixtures were made, and some new members elected. Herne Hill and Highgate Harriers had an inter-club seven-miles combined handicap. C. Lucas, of the former, had 5 min. 2 sec. start, and won, followed home by W. Delaney, 2 min. 30 sec., of the Highgate H. A joint run between Blackheath and South London H. was held over a course from Croydon to Blackheath.

BANSHEE.

"ROBINSON CRUSOE," AT KENNINGTON.

MR. ROBERT ARTHUR'S third pantomime is without doubt one of the most interesting productions in London. The book, from the pen of Mr. Walter Summers, serves its purpose admirably, affording opportunities to all. The scenery, by Mr. Stafford Hall and J. Fowler Hogg, is excellent, several of the sets being extremely beautiful.

The pantomime opens in the traditional manner at the Port of Hull, and Robinson sails away, followed by his faithful Polly Pansy, who stows herself aboard the *Saucy Jelly-Fish*. A wreck takes place, and we are transported to the shores of the island. King Hullabalioo, attended by his warriors, enters, and his dusky majesty proves himself a merry monarch, cracking wheezes with Boodle, the bo'sun of the *Saucy Jelly-Fish*, and singing a laughing song which brings down the house. Then a fine set, the Island of Juan Fernandez, is shown. Mrs Crusoe and Captain Will Atkins are chased by savage warriors with highly ludicrous results, until the arrival of Robinson, who disperses the whole horde in true pantomime fashion single-handed.

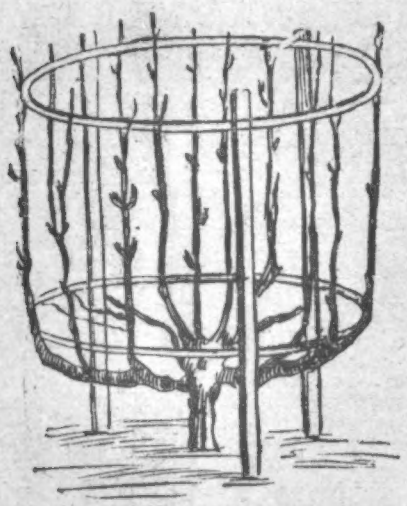
A graceful aerial ballet is introduced, in which some very pretty effects are obtained, and the first act is brought to a successful conclusion with a grand operatic chorus. The second opens in Crusoe's Hut, then shifting to the Interior of the Island, both sets being beautiful specimens of the scene-painter's art. In Crusoe's Monkey House the Donaldson Brothers and Ardel have an opportunity of contributing their clever specialty, which evokes thunders of applause. The story crops up again in the Corridor of the Palace, and everything is cleared up in the Palace itself, the curtain finally falling upon the Review of the Beauties of the Island. Altogether this is an elaborate production, and the large audiences set the seal of approval in an unmistakable manner.

Young Spoonamore (attending at the house of Mr. Billus) "Katie, there is—is something I—I want particularly to say to you, if—if I can see you alone." Miss Katie Billus (with rare presence, to young lady at piano) "Something from Wagner, please, Miss Kajones. Now, George."

The "P.I.P." Farmer.

Bush Fruit.

AN inquiry sent by a Notts correspondent on the training of bush fruit—particularly the gooseberry—has been replied to by post, but for the benefit of other cottagers who may desire information on the subject I repeat the substance of my letter to "Wollaton." A row of well-shaped trees is a pretty sight, and tells of the artist; but a lot of mopheads, choked in the centre, and smothered with suckers proclaims the sloven, and the latter never finds a profit in his work. Training on a south wall is a good method to secure an early supply of fruit, and to grow a row not trained under a wall or fence with a north aspect is a good plan to secure fruit very late in the season. Every



A WELL-TRAINED BUSH.

method of training and pruning should have one leading object—to keep the centre of the tree well open. If treated from the first so as to cause the regular production of branches, and all spray from the centre kept in check, and the largest of the branches merely shortened back to good buds at the winter pruning, the trees will be handsome and strong, and hold their fruit sufficiently high above ground to prevent it being soiled by rain.

On Goats.

According to that very good authority on the goat, Mr. Bryan Hook, the most successful crossed British species have been bred by the introduction of Nubian or Abyssinian blood. By this means a breed of extraordinary size and quality has been produced. As regards appearances, a drawback to this strain of goats is the somewhat

A NUBIAN GOAT.

stupid expression of the head, an unmistakable characteristic, and produced by the peculiar arched nose of the Nubian type. Some examples are, however, remarkably good milkers, and the coat is invariably both close and glossy. The colour, black and tan in various shades, is favourable to showing off the appearance and condition of the animals to the best advantage, and it is probable that, for exhibition, goats of this strain will always hold the foremost place.

The Leghorn Fowl.

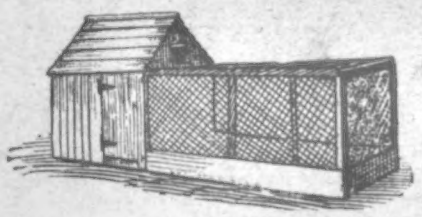
These fowls owe their origin to the shores of the Mediterranean Sea, whence they were first taken to America some thirty years ago. Fowls of this type are to be commonly found in Northern Italy, and on the Continent of Europe they are called Italians. To the Americans, however, belongs the credit of first discovering their value, and of developing their special qualities. They are noted as laying fowls, and have few equals in this respect. Pullets will begin to lay at fifteen weeks old, and in other ways they are as precocious. They are light in

A TYPICAL LEGHORN.

body, very active and sprightly, good foragers, very tame, and yet at the same time are very handsome.

Housing of Bantams.

I am pleased to note from the letters of correspondents that the article on bantams written some months ago aroused interest. The number of inquiries received as to where sittings of reliable strains could be obtained proved this, and, as is aptly stated by Mr. Verrey in his excellent little work on bantams, no one would buy a horse unless he had a stable to put it in, so it is with procuring a pen of bantams—suitable accommodation must be provided for them, and the first matter for consideration is what kind of home and run will be best adapted to the purpose. A pen of bantams require very little space to keep them in health, though, of



A MODEL BANTAM-HOUSE: THE OAKLEY.

course, they will do better where they can have a free range. Should the owner's means admit of the expenditure, no structure is more suitable than such a house as the one of which I give an illustration. On the other hand, should the inclination be to build a small house, a lean-to can easily be knocked up in any odd corner of the garden; but where space permits I strongly recommend the construction or purchase of movable houses, as such can easily be shifted from place to place, thereby giving the occupants a constant change of ground. The size of the roosting-house should be as large as circumstances will permit—the larger the better; though a house 2 ft. square will accommodate a trio of birds comfortably. The height may be from 2 ft. 6 in. upwards. A covered as well as an open run should always be provided, for as many of the varieties are decidedly delicate, it is desirable and necessary to keep them under cover during very wet or cold weather.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Pears in Pots.

My Manchester correspondents should get "The Orchard House," by T. Rivers. It was published in 1863 by Longman, Green, and Longman, of London. It is undoubtedly the standard work on the subject.

The Rose: Hon. Edith Gifford.

Most growers can supply this rose, which was described in this column a few weeks ago. Dennett, Pilt Down, Uckfield, W. Wood and Sons, Maresfield, Sussex, and W. Froman and Sons, Chiswick, can be recommended.

Punnets.

My Cambridgeshire correspondent will get what he requires on application to Holland, Beckwith, and Co., 65, Columbia Road, Shoreditch, London, or H. Bracknell, Fleet, Hants.

All Rural Readers

should make it a point to order *The Penny Illustrated Paper* to be sent them by their newsagents regularly every Friday morning for the New Year. Don't leave it to chance. Order it in advance, as I do, to prevent disappointment.

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CHESS.

CONDUCTED BY I. GUNSBERG.

A. MUNRO points out a very interesting variation in the pretty game published on Dec. 29. He shows that Black might have obtained a draw. Our correspondent further inquires if any first-class player could have foreseen the draw in actual play. We answer decidedly, No.

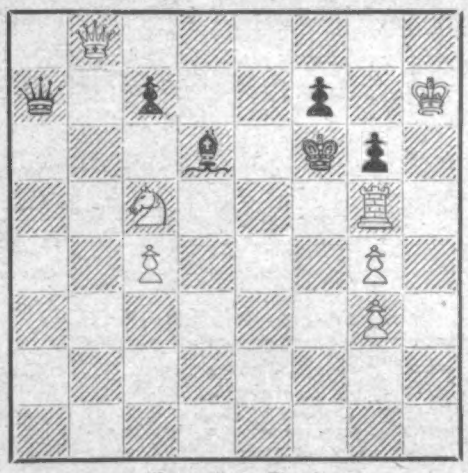
W. ADAMS points out another solution to No. 353—namely, 1. Q to Q 2nd.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM NO. 355.

1. Q to Kt 7th	R to Q R 2nd (ch)	2. Q takes R,	Mate.
1. ,,	K takes R	2. Q to Kt 1st	,,
1. ,,	P takes Kt	2. P to Kt 4th	,, etc.

PROBLEM No. 356.—BY DR. A. GROSS.

BLACK (Six Pieces).



WHITE (Seven Pieces).

White to play, and mate in two moves.

Janowski has recently paid a visit to St. Petersburg, and contested some off-hand games with the Russian champion, Tschigorin. The latter won a majority of these encounters. We append the first game played between these two great masters—

WHITE (M. Tschigorin).	BLACK (D. Janowski).
1. P to K 4th	P to K 4th
2. Kt to Q B 3rd	Kt to K B 3rd
3. Kt to B 3rd	

Quite right. White cannot do more than declare his intention by 2. Q Kt to B 3rd to play a Gambit. If Black wishes to accept the Gambit, he would, of course, have played Q Kt to B 3rd; but his playing K Kt to B 3rd shows that he does not want the Gambit. In these circumstances it is White's best policy not to persevere with 3. P to K B 4th, but to turn the opening into something else, as 3. P to K B 4th leads to variations of the Vienna game, which are slightly in Black's favour. Whenever a close-fisted player is met with, we strongly advise everyone not to play openings like this Vienna game or the Evans Gambit or Scotch Gambit, as they are sure to be declined, because such declension gives the second player a slight advantage, causing him to laugh in his sleeve into the bargain.

3.		Kt to B 3rd
4. B to B 4th		B to B 4th
5. P to Q 3rd		P to Q 3rd
6. B to K 3rd		B to Kt 3rd
	We prefer B takes B.	
7. Q to Q 2nd		B to Kt 5th
8. Kt to K Kt 5th		B to K B 4th
9. P to B 3rd		Kt to Q 5th
10. B takes Kt		B takes B
11. Kt to K 2nd		B to Q Kt 3rd
12. Kt to Kt 3rd		B to Kt 3rd
13. P to K R 4th		P to K R 3rd
14. P to R 5th		

White has handled his forces rather cleverly. By this advance he succeeds in completely breaking up Black's Pawns on the King's wing.

14.	P takes Kt
15. P takes B	R takes R (ch)
16. Kt takes R	P to Q 4th

P takes P; 17. Q takes P is worse for Black.

17. P takes P (ch)	K takes P
18. P takes P	Q to R 1st
19. Castles	Q to R 5th
20. P to Q 6th (dis. ch)	K to Kt 3rd
21. P takes P	R to Q B 1st
22. P to K Kt 3rd	Q to R 6th
23. Q to K 2nd	B takes P
24. P to Q 4th	P to Kt 4th

Black makes a last futile effort to divert the Bishop from its menacing position; but his task is a hopeless one, and his game soon falls to pieces.

25. B to Kt 3rd	Q to B 4th
26. P to B 3rd	K to R 3rd
27. B to B 2nd	P to K 5th
28. Q to K 2 (ch)	Kt to R 4th
29. B takes P	Q to B 2nd
30. Q to R 3rd	R to K 1st
31. P to K Kt 4th	P to Kt 3rd
32. P takes Kt	P takes P
33. Kt to B 2nd, and White won in 38 moves.	

CHESS ON THE RIVIERA.

There has ever been a rivalry between Nice and Monte Carlo. Lately these two pleasure resorts have started two rival projects. Nice endeavoured to provide a saloon for baccarat-players, and failed. Monte Carlo undertook to establish a saloon for chess-players, and succeeded. We congratulate the chess world in general, and M. Bornier, Directeur of the "Cercle des Etrangers" at Monte Carlo, in particular, on this success against the failure of the Nice project. To inaugurate the new chess-rooms, an International Tournament will commence at the Monte Carlo Casino on Feb. 1, with prizes amounting to about 14,000 francs. The tournament will be limited to twelve competitors, and will last about four weeks.

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[*"Lex" will be happy to reply to short and simple questions of law. Queries should be addressed to "The Editor of The Penny Illustrated Paper," 198, Strand, London, and must be accompanied by the proper names and addresses—in confidence. Replies given to name or initials, as desired. Questions must be written on one side of the paper only. No replies can be sent direct by post.*]

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

K. C. X.—The Judge puts the cap on his own head.

BUSY BEE.—Sue him in the County Court.

TRANSVAAL.—The amount payable for the license depends upon what particular articles you are going to sell. You had better inquire of the local Inland Revenue Office.

FERNLEAVES.—Instruct a solicitor to defend the summons for you.

CHRISTMAS.—Failing any provision in the lease or agreement as to service of notice of quit, it should have been served upon the tenant or sent to him by registered post. Under the circumstances you mention the notice, in our opinion, was not properly served, and you are entitled to a fresh notice.

OTHER REPLIES in next week's *P.I.P.* **LEX.**

The Great Northern Railway Company is increasing the comfort on its lines. It has arranged to run special sleeping-cars for the convenience of passengers to and from the Newcastle district on the 10.50 p.m. train, express, London (King's Cross) to Newcastle, and 11.15 p.m. train, express, Newcastle to London (King's Cross). Passengers on arrival at Newcastle or King's Cross respectively may remain undisturbed in the cars until 8 a.m. An attendant will travel in each car. The first car to Newcastle ran on Jan. 7, and from Newcastle on Jan. 8.

TAKE CARE when drinking COCOA to have the pure article only, as many so-called "pure" Cocoas contain added matter that is not only unnecessary, but often positively harmful. CADBURY'S is absolutely pure, and a perfect food. Insist on having "Cadbury's," as other Cocoas are sometimes substituted for the sake of extra profit.—[ADVT.]

Rosalind's Fashions.

RIGHT dainty toque is that chosen as my first sketch, inspired by one of the newest models shown by a leading artiste in the millinery world. The crown is of fine white straw having a border or brim of sable. Round this crown is drawn a scarf of white lace, the border of which rests over the top of the sable. On the left side one of the decorative, though impossible, roses, which are now being used as a rosette or chou, is placed, of pink silk gauze, supplemented by a large white osprey; the *tout ensemble* being very fascinating and refined in style, the latter being something to "make a note of" by the way. The large roses referred to are much more like pink cabbages than any rose that ever grew, but they are, as I before remarked, very decorative, and make capital choux for toques or hats, being light in effect for so large an ornament. Whether the Romney Exhibition at the "Grafton" Galleries has given the extra fillip, who shall say? but the large picture-hat is particularly rampant again just now, especially accompanied by soft tulle or chiffon strings.

A DAINTY TOQUE.

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The Variety of Smart Jackets and coatees now is quite amazing, and rather distracting too, for one may buy one that seems quite charming until the next day, when a still more fascinating one is seen, so endless and attractive are the designs. Fig. 2 reveals something quite fresh in these attractive little garments. This model is of fine black cloth, and tight-fitting, fastening on the left, ostensibly with one of the whims of the moment—a silver or oxidised clasp—but really with "fly" fastenings; large round collar revers of white satin, lined with rows of

SMART LITTLE COATEE.

narrow black silk braid, open over an under upstanding collar of black Persian lamb, a muff of which is added: and the shaped cuffs are also of the braided white satin.

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Smart Tailor-Made Gowns—which have thrown off all the severe restraint which was originally their most pronounced feature—are exploiting the metal tags a good deal at the exclusive houses devoted to tailoring. Here in Fig. 3 is an instance. The gown itself is of grey cloth. Tabs of grey braid ornament the sleeves, and cornered rows on the hips of skirt and upper part of bodice; the end of each braid on the two latter portions of the gown being terminated by gold triangular tags. The slightly pouched bodice opens over a vest and collar of cloth of gold, which is a good deal affected by the tailors just now, especially for black cloth.

COLOURED GOWN WITH METAL TAGS.

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The Muslin or Lace Fichu has become quite a cult of late. Gracefully arranged, the fichu is becoming to both youth and maturity; and an assistance in softening outlines in figures which may be either too meagre or too generous for the lines of beauty. A quaint and advantageous novelty for evening wear with sleeveless gowns is the long silken mitten, which reaches nearly to the top of the arm. These mittens are new, and a saving in gloves, being made in black and most colours.

THE INHALER IS WHITE LIKE IVORY.

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Rev. J. Tesseyman, of Wesley Manse, Watlington, Oxon, writes on December 10, 1900—

"I am glad to report very favourably of the Barton Inhaler I had from you recently. It 'broke' a nasty provoking cough in a few days, and the after results have been beneficial in other ways. It has cleared the air passages, and so much relieved the chest, that it is a positive luxury to breathe."

Mrs. Smith, of Whirlow Grange, near Sheffield, states on November 30, 1900—

"Ayr-Akos breathed through the Barton Inhaler has certainly done her good."

N.B.—This was a case of nasal trouble and Bronchial Asthma of many years.

Mrs. Smith, of Whirlow Grange, Sheffield, writes further on December 31, 1900—

"I shall be obliged by your sending me a further supply of Ayr-Akos, for which I enclose P.O. for 2/6. I desire to say that I think the Nasal Catarrh is cured, and am most thankful for the same. I have recommended the Barton Inhaler to many of my friends."

Mr. Geo. Brown, of 21, Vincent Crescent, Balsall Heath, Birmingham, writes on December 12, 1900—

"I felt relief by using the Barton Inhaler. My case is one of the worst. The Birmingham General Hospital turned me away as incurable. I can get out a little when fine."

Mrs. M. Rose, of Seaview, Kilcreggan, Dumbartonshire, Scotland, writes on November 19, 1900—

"The Barton Inhaler and Ayr-Akos which you sent me ten days ago has done me great good. I now enclose a P.O. for 5/- for another Barton Outfit for a friend who is troubled with her throat."

"November 12, 1900.

"Dear Sirs,—About three weeks ago I got one of your Inhalers. I must say I have received very great benefit from it already. I have been suffering from Bronchial Asthma for over two years. I think it has become chronic. Since I used your Inhaler the Cough has become much easier, and expectoration comes away easily, and I have improved several pounds in weight; I had lost 28 lb. I am thankful to God for the benefits received."

Original letter may be seen at 148, Victoria Street, S.W.

Miss H—— K—— writes on September 27, 1900, from her address, 204, Holmesdale Road, South Norwood, London, S.E.—

"I feel that I must write and let you know my experience with the Barton 'Ayr-Akos' Inhaler. I had suffered with a severe Cough and Cold for two months. After the first time of using your Inhaler my Chest was distinctly relieved, and in two days the Cold had gone. I may also add that my sister used it with equally good results in the case of a Sore Throat."

Rev. J. Owen Jones, of 7, Efrwd Terrace, Llanvradach, Cardiff, writes on November 17, 1900—

"Will you please send to the above address an extra bottle of 'Ayr-Akos' for which I enclose a P.O. for 2/6. I suffer from Laryngial Catarrh with the result of losing my voice. I have used your Barton Inhaler for a fortnight, and it gives me great relief from Sore Throat."

"Ayr-Akos" and the Barton Pocket Inhaler.

We inspire germs, or breathe them in, all our lives. The air we inhale contains myriads of them. They are part of the atmosphere in which we live. In health, they neither do nor can harm us. To be poisonous to us they must have the suitable environment which inflammation and a diseased condition supply, upon which they may fasten and thereupon proceed to propagate and multiply with almost incredible rapidity. They emit secretions which poison and choke the air-passages, and foul the blood. Coughs, Colds, Catarrh, are inflammatory diseases. They pave the way for Consumption, Bronchitis, Sore Throat, Pneumonia, &c. The efforts to clear the throat of inflammatory mucus and phlegm cause great friction, frequently pain, expectoration of blood, &c., by the laceration and excoriation of the mucous and tender surfaces of the throat, lungs, and air passages generally. The mucous surface or inner lining is akin in every respect except texture, and serves the same purpose as our outer skin or epidermis. If we tear or injure the latter, we expose a raw, tender surface, terribly susceptible to pain, inflammation, ulceration, &c. When the mucous surfaces of the throat and lungs are frayed and torn, as it were, then the tender under surfaces are exposed to certain pain, inflammation, ulceration, &c. For the outer skin, when injured, you apply unguents, lotions, salves, sticking plaster, bandages, &c. You cannot do the same in the air passages, else you would choke the breath. And it is a roundabout incomplete way, and inefficacious in practice, to so treat the lungs, throat, bronchial tubes, nasal passages, and air passages generally by way of the stomach. It mostly fails, as everyone knows. What, then, is to be done? What can be done to bring the healing principle of antiseptic action to the air passages, thus destroying germs, just as we bring it to the ulcerated, or sore, outer skin? Septic means poison; anti means against. The germs are poison; the medicament is anti, or against it. Why not volatilise the medicament and use it as a dry aromatic, balsamic air? It can be done. It has been done. It is being done every day, and is effecting cures and affording relief in the most surprising and gratifying manner in the severest cases. Why should people suffer so much from influenza, which is both an inflammatory and germ disease combined? They need not do so. They can break up the Influenza and drive it forth; they can cure the cough, cold, or catarrh; they can promptly relieve and benefit the bronchitis symptoms. They can ease the aching throat, they can gain great benefit even when consumption, the dreadest of all germ diseases, has laid its hold upon its victim. They may do all these things by inhalation. But they must inhale a special curative, healing air. The air, likewise, must be dry and balsamic, like the odour of pine or beech woods, instead of soft and relaxing, like moist vapour. There is one way only to accomplish this end, viz., to inhale "Ayr-Akos" (Medicated Dry Air) by means of the Ivory White Barton Pocket Inhaler. Relief then is assured. It is prompt and pleasing. It is permanent. The volatilised dry air, "Ayr-Akos," is inspired, or drawn into, the throat and lungs with the indrawn breath. It penetrates all, even the most remote air cells and passages. It creates an antiseptic atmosphere in the lungs, &c., in which germs cannot live—in which, in fact, they must wither away. The antiseptic action, whilst destructive to germ life, is invigorative and curative to the torn and lacerated mucous and inner surfaces. Healing sets in at once; the passages are cleared from mucus and phlegm; the air in the lungs becomes sweet and aromatic, while the blood becomes pure again. The general health is improved; the inflammatory and fever symptoms are dispersed. The results gained are from the application of common-sense treatment by the use of the dry air inhalant, "Ayr-Akos," inhaled by means of the Barton Inhaler. It is the only real and safe remedy.

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Mrs. J. Purfield, of Conham, Gravesend, Kent, writes on Dec. 11, 1900—

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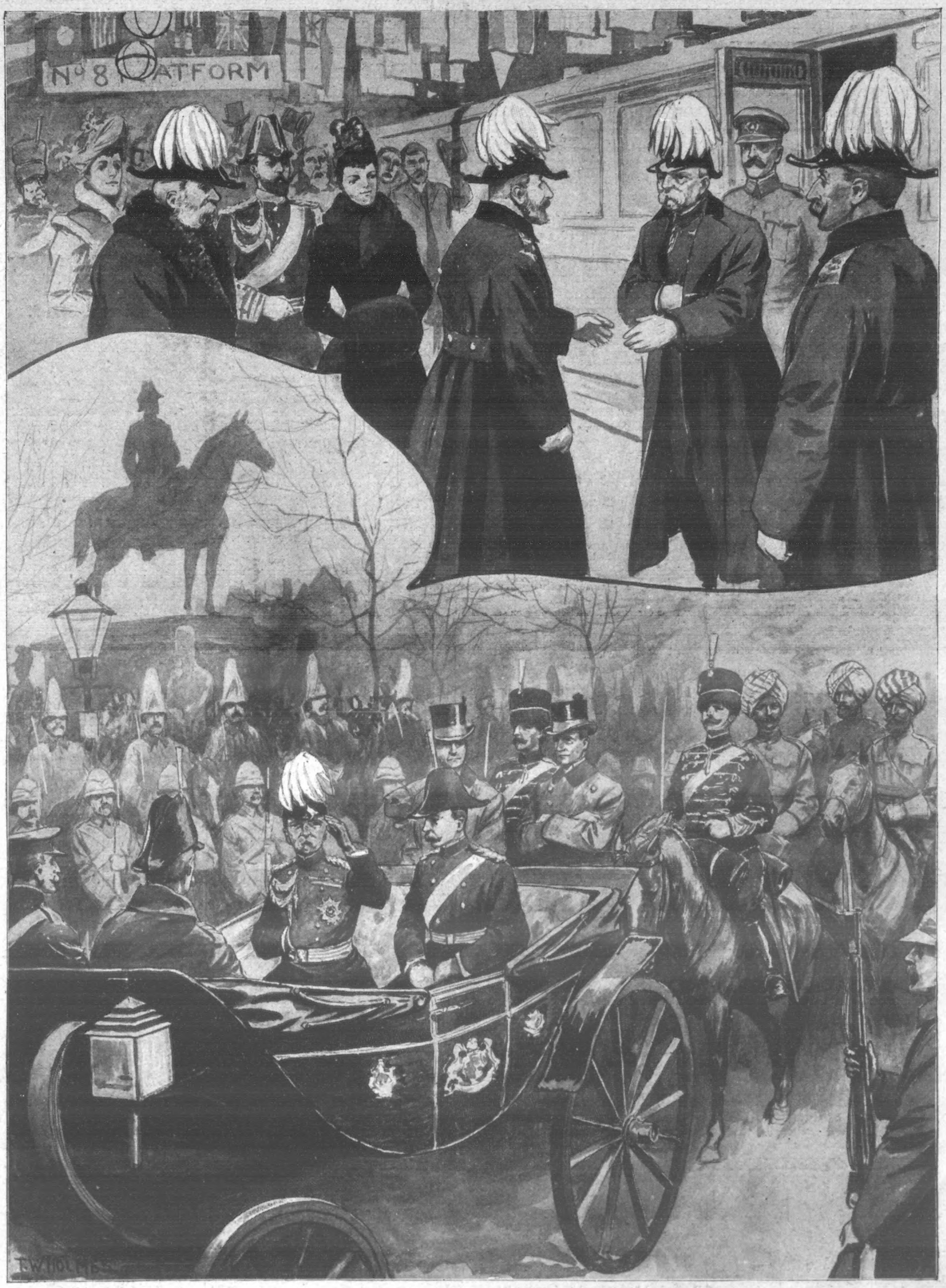

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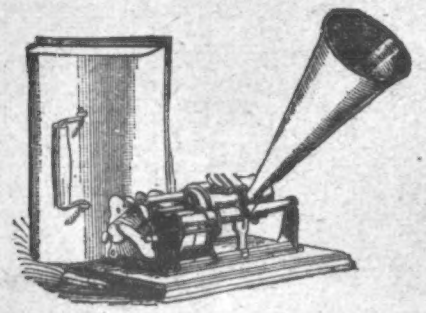

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NEW YEAR NOVELETTES.

Among the Roses.

By KATHARINE S. MACQUOID.

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I.

IT was one of those veiled days in June when the sun's heat seems intensified by the vapour which hides its brightness; the soft blue of the sky reminded one of Holland, there was a dull languorous look over everything, but the stillness was broken by the click of mowing; the grey-green grass in the meadow fell in long soft swathes while Camilla looked at it.

She was standing beneath a wooden Pergola, its poles wreathed with roses. The garden behind was screened off by a high laurel hedge, while on the other side one meadow stretched out beyond the other, till the last began to climb the slope of the Surrey hills, and melted at length into blue distance, very hazy distance this morning, with the brooding heat in the air.

Camilla Sadler was not noting the landscape, she was thinking of the long-delayed letter she had that morning received from South Africa, and of the news it had brought.

She looked round, then she went back to the gap in the hedge by which she had come to the Pergola. She was quite alone; no chance to-day of a gardener's intrusion; they were all helping the haymakers, for there had been a threatening of rain.

"Ronald will not come out." She bit her red lip to keep it from curling. "He is much fonder of his stable than he is of admiring nature. He cares nothing for the exquisite colour and the delicious scent of grass cut yesterday."

While she drew her letter from her pocket, she inhaled the scent with intense enjoyment. "He will love it too," she murmured, and flushed deeply.

The flush on the pretty downcast face bent over the letter seemed full of shame. What did it mean? The letter was simple and frank enough; Camilla had shown it to her husband at breakfast-time.

It called her by her Christian name, but then Ronald knew that she and Charlie Daynham had been friends from early days.

"Dear Camilla,—I am coming home safe and sound, and I hope soon to tell you so face to face. I must pass very near you on my way home; if you do not write to forbid it, I may reach you on the twenty-third of June.—Your old friend, "CHARLIE DAYNHAM."

And Ronald had said—

"Write and tell him we shall be delighted, Milly."

Then they both remembered that to-day was the 23rd. The letter ought to have reached them a month ago.

"Why do I mind? It's plain he only liked me as a friend, or he'd not write like that. Of course, by this time I must have grown to care for Ronald. Mother said I should not be able to help it. I told her I could not accept him if he asked me, and she said, 'A girl often falls in love with her husband after marriage.' Do I love Ronald? I have always hated big fair men, with large hands and feet, and loud voices. Charlie is the only man I have ever known who comes up to my ideal. His dark eyes are lovely, they used to look straight into one's soul. Oh, dear! he'll marry someone else now; and why did I not wait? That was Ronald's fault; he would have an answer; and when mother had persuaded me to consent, they hurried everything so terribly. It is still all like a dream; six months ago I was crying my heart out because mother would not take me home from the Riviera to say good-bye to Charlie. She said I did not really care for him, and that he was a flirt; well, then, where would have been the risk of letting us meet once more? All that time in Rome and at Naples; then on the yacht with those people, and in Paris, kept me from thinking. I had not a chance of being alone. One can do nothing but think here."

"Are you there, Milly?" A loud voice sounded through the laurel-bushes.

"Yes, Ronald"; she had grown white to her lips, as she softly thrust the letter into her pocket. What was the matter with her? She felt fit to faint; Ronald had once said he was by nature terribly jealous.

"I am a fool," she told herself bitterly.

A large florid-faced man came through the gap in the hedge.

He was well dressed; his hair and whiskers were perfectly kept; so were the finger-nails of his large hands; he looked in every way a well-groomed animal. Something, however, had clouded his usually serene expression.

He looked in a strange, searching way at his wife.

"Look here, Milly; I'm sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but I thought I could break it to you more gently than a stranger would."

She started up, quivering from head to foot.

"A stranger! What do you mean? What stranger?" Then to herself. "It's about Charlie! I know something's wrong."

"A friend of Captain Daynham's has called to see you, Milly. He says he has a message for you, but I came on first to tell you the truth. My God, girl, what makes you so white? You're frightening yourself. It's only that poor chap you know, Daynham, he—he died on his way home."

She had felt it coming, and had striven for courage.

"It is dreadful," she murmured, and tried to meet his eyes, but she could not; "and he was coming here."

II.

"Here comes Major Morris. I told him to follow me when I had broken the news; though" (very gravely) "I certainly did not expect it would so greatly upset you, Camilla."

His reproachful tone revived her courage. It gave her something to resent.

"You were so abrupt, enough to upset anyone." She covered her eyes with her hand.

Other hurrying footsteps sounded on the gravel, a white-faced maid, cap-strings and apron-strings flying out behind her, came rushing through the gap, and stopped only when she reached Mr. Sadler.

"Please, Sir, there's a gang o' them boys; they know the gardeners and Williams are at work in the hay-fields; they're strippin' apricots and cherries off the trees in the lower garden."

"Confound them! Here, Mary, get me my horsewhip!" Then he dashed back to the garden, shouting, as he met the visitor, "Lend a hand, Major, won't you? Some young devils are bagging my fruit."

He was off, without waiting for an answer. Major Morris, small, thin, dark-eyed, and nervous-looking, hesitated, and glanced after Mr. Sadler. Then, finding himself alone, he drew out of his breast-pocket the miniature of a lovely girl; he gazed earnestly at it, and shook his head.

"A marriage, but not a match! Poor child, I'd best see her alone."

He hastened on to the Pergola.

She looked up and saw Major Morris; his dark eyes seemed to read her thoughts.

She held her breath with alarm. In tha wise, tender glance she saw sympathy as well as knowledge. This stranger knew that she loved Charlie.

She went forward and took his hand.

"You—you have a message from him?"

"You will care to hear how he gave it?" He spoke kindly, but very slowly.

"Charlie Daynham wro'e to you saying he was coming home. He seemed fairly well then, but the steamer he was to have gone in was so full that he waited for the next. But for that delay I should not have known him. He was looking ill when he came on board; there can be no doubt he had begun to sicken with the terrible fever which had claimed so many lives in South Africa."

"Go on."

Her words sounded like a faint echo of speech.

"I became attached to him from the first, and the doctor, who soon took him in hand, let me see a good deal of his patient. One night I was alone with him in the cabin, and he called me to his bedside; he put his hand under his pillow and pulled out this, and these."

The Major drew out first the portrait, and then a small packet of letters. He placed them in the hand she held out.

"He asked me to write your name and address on the packet. I was to tell you he had thought of you till the end."

He stopped involuntarily. He was no longer looking at her, but he seemed to feel the deep shudder that quivered through her body, and issued in a miserable sigh. The Major longed to leave her at this. He hoped, if she were alone, tears would come and relieve her overcharged heart; but he had not given the whole message of the dying man. He had died during the night that followed. In the Major's opinion, the message would have been best left unfinished, but he had promised.

"He said, 'Ask her not to forget me. Give her the picture, and say it has never left me.'"

She did not speak, and turning, he looked at her.

She had not fainted. She seemed in a sort of trance; her blue eyes were widely opened; their gaze without expression was strained on the landscape, now empty of mowers; only the dark circles below the eyes showed that she was unusually moved.

He rose up from the bench, placing himself so that he screened her from the observation of anyone coming suddenly into the garden.

"I will take my leave of you now that my mission is fulfilled."

A flash of consciousness showed in her eyes. She made an effort to rise, but she was too feeble.

"God reward you for your kindness!" she said brokenly, and held out her hand.

He kept it an instant, wondering at its coldness on this warm June day.

III.

Camilla sat still where he left her. The miniature in her hand—how like her it was! with a yearning tenderness in the eyes tha' Ronald had never seen in his wife's. She could not move while she listened to the Major's footsteps; then to the sound of a horse trotting up the Avenue, and along the road to the station. She wondered how soon Ronald would hurry in through the gap, and find her sitting there with the letters in her lap? "There is no harm in them, he might read them every one." Then after a while, "If only I were dead like Charlie!"

She saw now that her marriage had been a bargain, and that she had not fulfilled her part of it.

"I can never love Ronald," she thought miserably. "I cannot now that I am sure Charlie loved me."

"Milly, Milly, where are you?"

She shivered with disgust, then rose still irresolute with the portrait in her hand.

"God help me," she murmured, as she waited. Then light came to her.

"I have no right to make him more miserable, perhaps jealous. He need never know what this dear little thing means to me."

Ronald Sadler looked red and disordered, almost as though he had struggled through a hedge in pursuit of the fruit-stealers.

"Major gone, I hear?" Once more he gave his wife a strange searching look.

"Yes," she said calmly, with a quiet dignity that impressed her husband. "He came to bring me this; Charlie sent it me when he died. I will hang it in your room, if you like, Ronald?"

"Thank you."

He stared after her with a puzzled expression as she slowly went towards the house.

THE END.

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White: 6, 15, 18, 22, 24, 27K, 32K.

White to move, and win.

27 23	14—23	5 14	16—20	27 24
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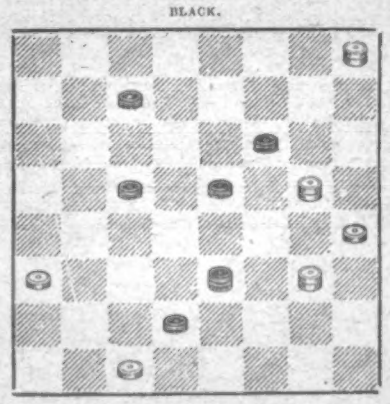
PROBLEM No. 318.

By JAMES H. WHITE (Caerleon).

BLACK.



WHITE.

Black to move, and win.

GAME No. 269.

Played between F. J. MAIDWELL and FRIEND.

"Denny" (*).

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23 16	31 27	24 15	7 11	

Friend played Black.

"**The Devil's Own.**"—A lawyer who wished to be jocose said to Dean Swift: "If the clergy and the Devil were to enter on a lawsuit, which would have the best of it?" "The Devil, undoubtedly," replied Swift, "for he has all the lawyers in his pay."

Mistress: "Why, Bridget, you have your fingers in the soup!"

Bridget (reassuringly): "Oh, don't worry, Mum; it's not hot."

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There is no Appetite for breakfast; the tongue is furred and coated, the Bowels constipated, while shooting pains under the shoulder blades tell of a disordered Digestion.

Needless to say, the outlook of the mind is more or less gloomy, with a Depressed Nervous condition of Low Spirits and unwonted irritability or morbidness.

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The food often sits like a weight at the pit of the Stomach, and causes distension and a bearing-down sensation.

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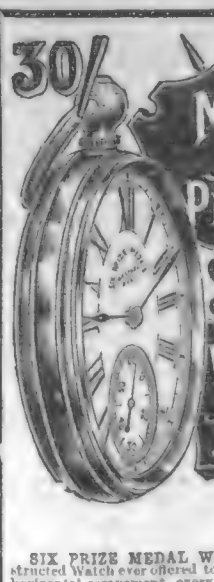

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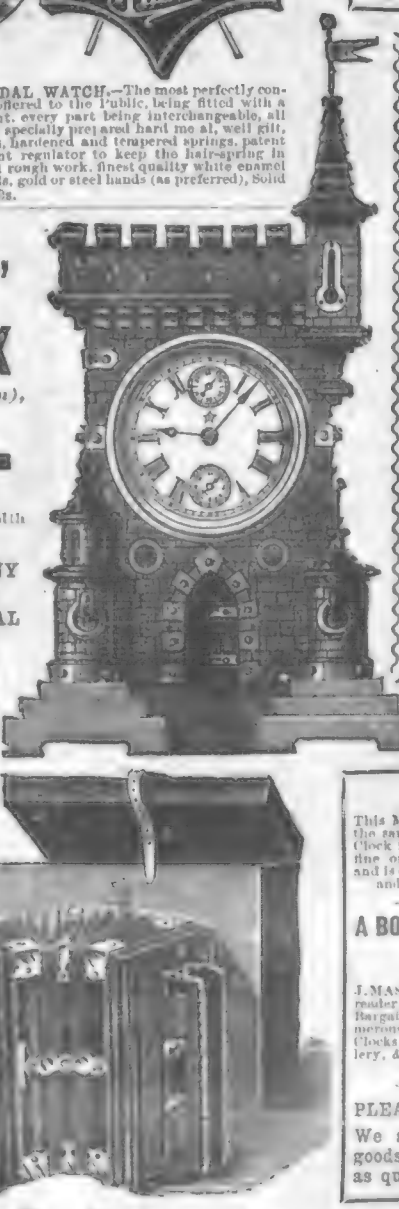

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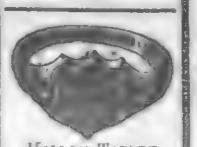

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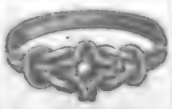

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THE WORLD OF WOMEN.

THE QUEEN AND LORD ROBERTS.

WHO, except a rabid Pro-Boer, and I hope I have not one un-English creature of this kind among my readers, has not been touched by the account of the reception of Lord Roberts by his grateful Sovereign at Osborne? It was the first great historical event of the twentieth century, and it deserves to be recorded on canvas by one of our best artists. Nothing could equal the warmth and enthusiasm of the veteran Field-Marshal's reception, both in the Isle of Wight and in London. The troops who lined the route from Paddington to Buckingham Palace lessened somewhat the dullness and gloom of the murky atmosphere; but the contrast between the brilliant skies which "Bobs" had left behind him and the grey pall of London must have struck Lord Roberts as he emerged from Paddington Station. We can but hope that the brave little man had prepared himself for our climate before he landed, for, alas! we cannot be as lavish of our sunshine as we are of our cheers. Everyone has, doubtless, read the speech which the Commander-in-Chief made at Cowes in reply to the address presented to him, and recognised the true nobility of character which animated every sentence. I should like to have seen his meeting with the wounded soldiers who, happily, were well enough to be brought to Buckingham Palace to aid in the welcome. He recognised those among them who had served with him in India. We all hope that there may be another opportunity given us in London to see him; for he is, it is said, to ride at the head of the Colonial troops when they make their triumphal march into London. But that event cannot take place just yet, I am sorry to say.

The London Winter Sales

are in full swing as I write. One sale is very much like another. Redmayne's, Evans's, Marshall and Snelgrove's, Shoolbred's, Peter Robinson's, Jay's, and all the leading drapers are full every day. At Woolland's there are really lovely shirts, or, rather, what I may call blouse-shirts, to be bought at fairly moderate prices. The guinea blouses at Redmayne's were quickly sold out. Once more I recommend my readers not to buy anything at a sale which they do not want simply because it is a bargain. It is a great mistake to saddle oneself with a dress length which is not wanted for immediate wear because it is cheap. It may be out of fashion before the buyer wants to have it made up. Better get material that is a little more expensive and up to date. The same may be said of hats, toques, or bonnets.

Skating

has been conspicuous for its absence for several winters past from the amusement of the ordinary girl: scarcely has she got the necessary dress and skates ready when the brief frost has broken up. But one never knows what this beautiful climate will do; and in town there is always the skating on the artificial ice-rinks. The accompanying sketches of attractive skating-gowns will be seen with interest, as offering hints also for excellent and stylish tailor-dresses. I like that bolero of velvet strapped with lines of cloth to match the underdress, and edged with chinchilla: the skirt is trimmed in harmony, and the toque of pheasant's feathers brightens the whole effect. The other dress is in cloth trimmed with sable, and has a smart little vest of a lighter shade of cloth trimmed with little gold buttons in threes.

SKATING COSTUME, TRIMMED WITH CHINCHILLA.

I am Asked if the Chaperon

is about to be done away with, and if, in consequence, girls will go to parties by themselves. There has been no formal disbanding of the once large army of chaperons, but their duties have been very much lighter during the last few years.

Girls are Very Independent

now, and they, or some of them, know very well how to take care of themselves. There are a few who abuse their liberty. I have seen young girls who boldly sit smoking and chatting with men! One I have in my mind who sat upon a table in the dining-room smoking and swinging her legs, with several men round her, after all the other ladies had left. It may be, as she said, "very jolly," but it was

Decidedly Unladylike,

not to say unwomanly; and if these rapid young women could but hear what the men say of such antics behind the backs of the girls who perform them, I think the antics would be dropped. I think, too, that it is very much the fault of the chaperons themselves that they have been dropped. They either left their charges too much alone, or tried to interfere too much and too often. Sometimes they resented the girls

Having All the Fun

while they, as chaperons, adorned the walls of the ball-room. There is much to be said for them, I admit; and yet a very nice girl would be glad to know that, when a dance was over, there was someone at hand to whose side she could retire. The hostess is supposed to be the protector of all unchaperoned girls, but if she has

Girls of Her Own,

she cannot be expected to take all the solitary young ladies in the room under her wing. There are men who are not in every respect what a careful mother would approve of, who find an unchaperoned girl rather an easy victim. These men make themselves very agreeable, and keep other men away by their determined appropriation of the girl, with whom they sit out many dances and make conspicuous in a variety of ways. I confess that I am old-fashioned enough to vote for the retention of the chaperon.

Something to Read.

I recommend the January number of the *Lady's Realm*. It is a wonderful sixpennyworth. There are articles and stories by a number of excellent writers, including Sarah Grand, Frankfort Moore, and Flora Annie Steel. There are special fashions for the New Year, and a most entertaining account of the Japanese Minister and his family at home.

An interesting book to read is

Mrs. Bagot's "Shadows of the War."

Mrs. Bagot is one of the four charming daughters of Sir John and Lady Constance Leslie. She is a happy wife and mother, and mistress of a lovely home in Westmoreland. She was instrumental in getting up funds for the establishment of the Portland Hospital in South Africa, to which the Duke of Portland contributed £5000. Mrs. Bagot went out with her husband, and, with other competent nurses, attended the sick and wounded soldiers during the terrible weeks which began with the Magersfontein disaster. The book is very sad, but full of interest, and it is delightful to read about the uncomplaining patience and deep gratitude of the wounded men. There were also many who suffered from enteric. Mrs. Bagot knew all about the difficulties of transport with only one narrow-gauge railway to carry supplies for the vast army, as well as men, horses, ammunition, and hospital necessaries. I hope many of my readers will get this most interesting volume.

I think I may have already mentioned "Foes in Law," an amusing novel by Rhoda Broughton; and perhaps I also recommended Tom Gallon's "A Rogue in Love." Not everyone will like "An Englishwoman's Love Letters." It is one of the saddest books I ever read. It is said that the letters are genuine: I do not think so

It is well to be hopeful, and it is cheering to read Winifred Ethel Heard's latest poem—

The Maiden January.

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She parts the mist that veils the wood
Where sentry-like the pine-trees rise,
And speeds across the frosty grass,
The starlight gleaming in her eyes.
A fair pale moon above her head
Has crowned the shining hair of brown,
The frost-fays surely wove for her
The robe she wears—a pure white gown!
Bright icicles shine here and there,
And coral beads of holly rest
Amid the meshes of her hair
Upon the maiden's snowy breast.

The wind wails by with sobbing sound
Along the lone path of the maid;
Yet still with lovely starlit eyes
She meets the future unafraid.
The pulsing heart is glad with hope,
The maiden sees beyond the snow
The flowers fair that only sleep
To wake ag in and sweetly blow
And so she parts the veiling mist,
And folds away the past year's pain—
And whispers in a tender voice,
"There's sunshine for you after rain."

Ah! it is in the power of most of us to shed a little social sunshine and pleasure around us even when the clouds are darkest. Try and do it!

A Correspondent

sends me a curious list of questions. I cannot answer all of them. Mrs. Langtry's entertainment for the War Fund took place at the Garrick, I think, early in last year, but the exact date I cannot give. Neither do I know when she went to America with the play, but think it was last year. All I know is that she is in England now. Of the third and last query as to the chaperonage of a young lady, whose name I do not give, I should say that my correspondent has been misinformed; I should think that such chaperonage did not take place. It would have been so much talked about that the fact, if it existed, would have been common property.

MARGUERITE.

SKATING DRESS IN CLOTH AND SABLE.

"BOBS" AS SCHOOLMASTER.

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Hardly as Much as That.—Kitty: "She isn't pretty, but she knows everything." Tom: "Does she know she isn't pretty?"

Miss Jenny: "Oh, how I wish I were a man, and able to go and fight for my country!" Miss May: "Well, there's one thing: you're used to powder, dear."

Tommy: "Did you do much fighting during the war, pa?" Pa: "I did my share of it, Tommy." Tommy: "Did you make the enemy run?" Pa: "You're right, I did, Tommy." Tommy: "Did they catch you, pa?"

Necessary Information.—Madge: "I suppose you are happy now you have the engagement ring?" Marjorie: "No, my dear. I won't be perfectly happy until I find out what it costs."

Wasted Sympathy.—Aunt Sarah (during her first visit to a flat): "Mercy! Who's that poor fellow the janitor's throwing downstairs?" Hall-Boy (carelessly): "Oh, that's on'y one o' the tenants, Ma'am."

Only a Short Time.—Witherby (savagely): "Isn't it about time to have these windows cleaned?" Mrs. Witherby: "Why, they were cleaned only recently." Witherby: "How recently?" Mrs. Witherby: "Two girls ago."

Dillydally (a chronic procrastinator): "I dreamt last night that I—er—ah—proposed to you. I wonder what that is a sign of?" Miss Lingerlong: "It is a sign that you have got more sense when you are asleep than when you are awake."

The late Mrs. S. C. Hall used to tell a story about her husband being refused hot water in a Scotch hotel one Sunday. On his meekly asking for a little hot shaving-water, he was decidedly refused. "Na, na; ye'll get nae water here tae shave wi' on the Sawbath. Hdd it been tae mak' a drap toddy, ye micht hae gotten't; but there'll be nae shaving here on the Lord's Day!"

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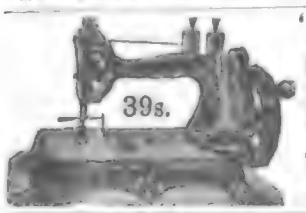

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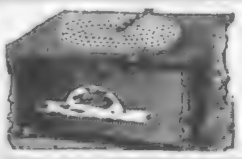

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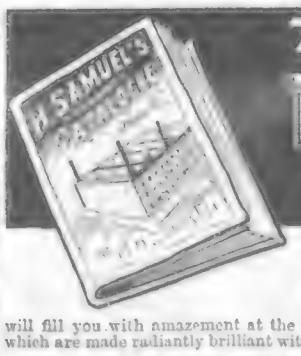

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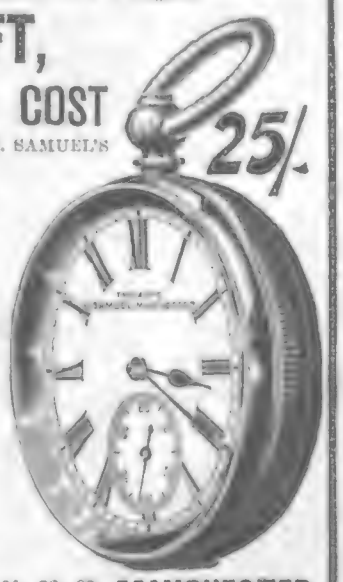

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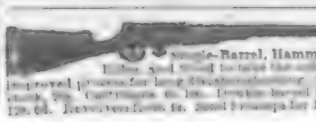

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His stud, which, according to present arrangement, is to be

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towards the end of this month, should fetch a very large sum, notwithstanding the fact that some of the best who have been running in his name were not his property, but only held on racing lease. The question has been raised whether these leases will stand in racing law after the lessor's demise, and it would be very easy indeed to raise many arguments pro and con. According to practice in racing engagements, undertakings connected with racing are rendered null and void when the hiring contractor dies. This may turn out to be the case with

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but be the result what it may as regards agreement, the public will not be affected, their nominators being alive.

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Uncle Jack,

who has been trained at Lewes, is, comparatively speaking, a fresh horse as regards service in steeplechasing, and he is just the sort for whom a sportsman keen on winning the Grand National Steeplechase might make a big bid. Now that the great steeplechase at Auteuil and the hurdle-race have been thrown open for geldings, a great many more English horses are likely to compete in these events. Myself, I think that Uncle Jack will do better over a bigger country; still, there is no reason why he should not like the low French fences; besides, there is plenty of time to think about the Steeplechase de Paris after the big Whitsuntide steeplechase at Manchester has been decided.

I am curious to see how the

Grand National Handicap

will be framed, and what weight will be given to Hidden Mystery, who has been talked and talked up till you would think he could win carrying two ten-stone jockeys. I do not suppose that the handicapper will take any notice of this chatter, but it would only be the chatterers' fault if he were put at the top of the schedule.

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will, no doubt, be able to make good arrangements in place of the agreement under which they contracted to ride for Huggins's stable. The terms were certainly very high, as each had a retainer of two thousand five hundred pounds, but according to last year's performances this was not too much for a federation who bet freely.

I am not going to inflict a statistical dissertation on *P.I.P.* readers, who should have had quite enough of that sort of thing offered them about the spring handicaps. Suffice it to say that these are generally very satisfactory. There is a falling off certainly in

The Liverpool Steeplechase,

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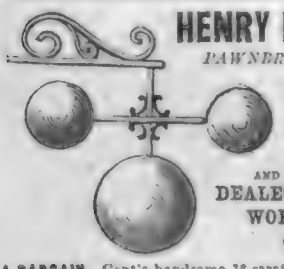

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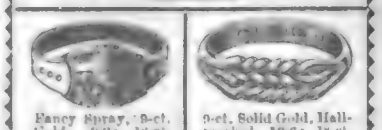

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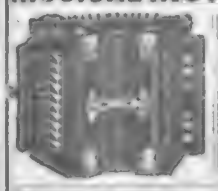

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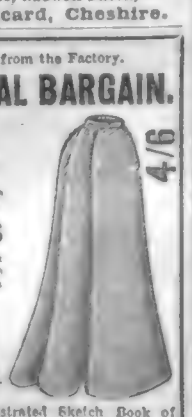

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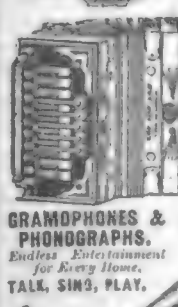

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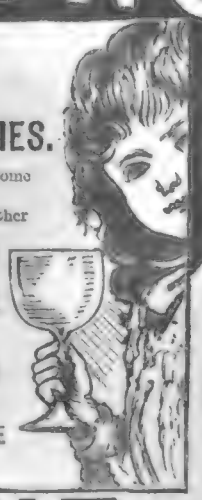

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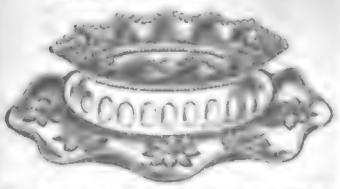

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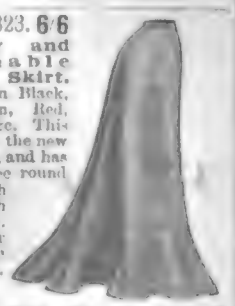

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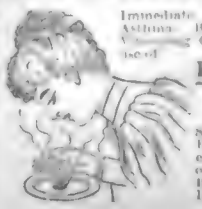

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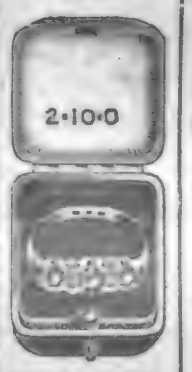

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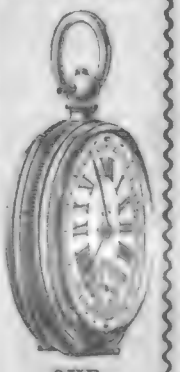

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WHO, except a rabid Pro-Boer, and I hope I have not one un-English creature of this kind among my readers, has not been touched by the account of the reception of Lord Roberts by his grateful Sovereign at Osborne? It was the first great historical event of the twentieth century, and it deserves to be recorded on canvas by one of our best artists. Nothing could equal the warmth and enthusiasm of the veteran Field-Marshal's reception, both in the Isle of Wight and in London. The troops who lined the route from Paddington to Buckingham Palace lessened somewhat the dullness and gloom of the murky atmosphere; but the contrast between the brilliant skies which "Bobs" had left behind him and the grey pall of London must have struck Lord Roberts as he emerged from Paddington Station. We can but hope that the brave little man had prepared himself for our climate before he landed, for, alas! we cannot be as lavish of our sunshine as we are of our cheers. Everyone has, doubtless, read the speech which the Commander-in-Chief made at Cowes in reply to the address presented to him, and recognised the true nobility of character which animated every sentence. I should like to have seen his meeting with the wounded soldiers who, happily, were well enough to be brought to Buckingham Palace to aid in the welcome. He recognised those among them who had served with him in India. We all hope that there may be another opportunity given us in London to see him; for he is, it is said, to ride at the head of the Colonial troops when they make their triumphal march into London. But that event cannot take place just yet, I am sorry to say.

The London Winter Sales

are in full swing as I write. One sale is very much like another. Redmayne's, Evans's, Marshall and Snelgrove's, Shoolbred's, Peter Robinson's, Jay's, and all the leading drapers are full every day. At Woolland's there are really lovely shirts, or, rather, what I may call blouse-shirts, to be bought at fairly moderate prices. The guinea blouses at Redmayne's were quickly sold out. Once more I recommend my readers not to buy anything at a sale which they do not want simply because it is a bargain. It is a great mistake to saddle oneself with a dress length which is not wanted for immediate wear because it is cheap. It may be out of fashion before the buyer wants to have it made up. Better get material that is a little more expensive and up to date. The same may be said of hats, toques, or bonnets.

Skating

has been conspicuous for its absence for several winters past from the amusement of the ordinary girl: scarcely has she got the necessary dress and skates ready when the brief frost has broken up. But one never knows what this beautiful climate will do; and in town there is always the skating on the artificial ice-rinks. The accompanying sketches of attractive skating-gowns will be seen with interest, as offering hints also for excellent and stylish tailor-dresses. I like that bolero of velvet strapped with lines of cloth to match the underdress, and edged with chinchilla: the skirt is trimmed in harmony, and the toque of pheasant's feathers brightens the whole effect. The other dress is in cloth trimmed with sable, and has a smart little vest of a lighter shade of cloth trimmed with little gold buttons in threes.

SKATING COSTUME, TRIMMED WITH CHINCHILLA.

I am Asked if the Chaperon

is about to be done away with, and if, in consequence, girls will go to parties by themselves. There has been no formal disbanding of the once large army of chaperons, but their duties have been very much lighter during the last few years.

Girls are Very Independent

now, and they, or some of them, know very well how to take care of themselves. There are a few who abuse their liberty. I have seen young girls who boldly sit smoking and chaffing with men! One I have in my mind who sat upon a table in the dining-room smoking and swinging her legs, with several men round her, after all the other ladies had left. It may be, as she said, "very jolly," but it was

Decidedly Unladylike,

not to say unwomanly; and if these rapid young women could but hear what the men say of such antics behind the backs of the girls who perform them, I think the antics would be dropped. I think, too, that it is very much the fault of the chaperons themselves that they have been dropped. They either left their charges too much alone, or tried to interfere too much and too often. Sometimes they resented the girls

Having All the Fun

while they, as chaperons, adorned the walls of the ball-room. There is much to be said for them, I admit; and yet a very nice girl would be glad to know that, when a dance was over, there was someone at hand to whose side she could retire. The hostess is supposed to be the protector of all unchaperoned girls, but if she has

Girls of Her Own,

she cannot be expected to take all the solitary young ladies in the room under her wing. There are men who are not in every respect what a careful mother would approve of, who find an unchaperoned girl rather an easy victim. These men make themselves very agreeable, and keep other men away by their determined appropriation of the girl, with whom they sit out many dances and make conspicuous in a variety of ways. I confess that I am old-fashioned enough to vote for the retention of the chaperon.

Something to Read.

I recommend the January number of the *Lady's Realm*. It is a wonderful sixpennyworth. There are articles and stories by a number of excellent writers, including Sarah Grand, Frankfort Moore, and Flora Annie Steel. There are special fashions for the New Year, and a most entertaining account of the Japanese Minister and his family at home.

An interesting book to read is

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I think I may have already mentioned "Foes in Law," an amusing novel by Rhoda Broughton; and perhaps I also recommended Tom Gallon's "A Rogue in Love." Not everyone will like "An Englishwoman's Love Letters." It is one of the saddest books I ever read. It is said that the letters are genuine: I do not think so

It is well to be hopeful, and it is cheering to read Winifred Ethel Heard's latest poem—

The Maiden January.

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She parts the mist that veils the wood
  Where sentry-like the pine-trees rise,
And speeds across the frosty grass,
  The starlight gleaming in her eyes.
A fair pale moon above her head
  Has crowned the shining hair of brown,
The frost-fays surely wove for her
  The robe she wears—a pure white gown!
Bright icicles shine here and there,
  And coral beads of holly rest
Amid the meshes of her hair
  Upon the maiden's snowy breast.

The wind wails by with sobbing sound
  Along the lone path of the maid;
Yet still with lovely starlit eyes
  She meets the future unafraid.
The pulsing heart is glad with hope,
  The maiden sees beyond the snow
The flowers fair that only sleep
  To wake ag in and sweetly blow
And so she parts the veiling mist,
  And folds away the past year's pain—
And whispers in a tender voice,
  "There's sunshine for you after rain."

Ah! it is in the power of most of us to shed a little social sunshine and pleasure around even when the clouds are darkest. Try and do

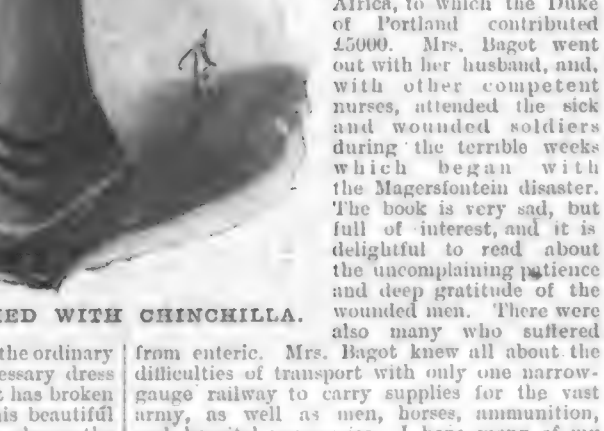
A Correspondent

sends me a curious list of questions. I can answer all of them. Mrs. Langtry's entertainment for the War Fund took place at the Garrick, I think, early in last year, but the exact date I cannot give. Neither do I know when she went to America with the play, but think it was last year. All I know is that she is in England now. Of the third and last query as to the chaperonage of a young lady, whose name do not give, I should say that my correspondent has been misinformed; I should think that such

SKATING DRESS IN CLOTH AND SABLE.

chaperonage did not take place. It would have been so much talked about that the fact, if it existed, would have been common property.

MARGUERITE.



"BOBS" AS SCHOOLMASTER.

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Miss Jenny: "Oh, how I wish I were a man and able to go and fight for my country!" Miss May: "Well, there's one thing: you're used to powder, dear."

Tommy: "Did you do much fighting during the war, pa?" Pa: "I did my share of it Tommy." Tommy: "Did you make the enemy run?" Pa: "You're right, I did, Tommy." Tommy: "Did they catch you, pa?"

Necessary Information.—Madge: "I suppose you are happy now you have the engagement ring?" Marjorie: "No, my dear. I won't be perfectly happy until I find out what it costs."

Wasted Sympathy.—Aunt Sarah (during her first visit to a flat): "Mercy! Who's that poor fellow the janitor's throwing downstairs?" Hall-Boy (carelessly): "Oh, that's on'y one o' the tenants, Ma'am."

Only a Short Time.—Witherby (savagely): "Isn't it about time to have these windows cleaned?" Mrs. Witherby: "Why, they were cleaned only recently." Witherby: "How recently?" Mrs. Witherby: "Two girls ago."

Dillydally (a chronic procrastinator): "I dreamt last night that I—er—ah—proposed to you. I wonder what that is a sign of?" Miss Lingerlong: "It is a sign that you have got more sense when you are asleep than when you are awake."

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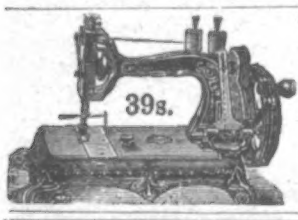

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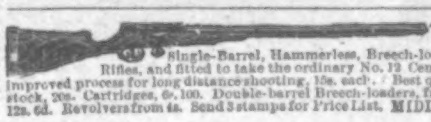

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His stud, which, according to present arrangement, is to be

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towards the end of this month, should fetch a very large sum, notwithstanding the fact that some of the best who have been running in his name were not his property, but only held on racing lease. The question has been raised whether these leases will stand in racing law after the lessor's demise, and it would be very easy indeed to raise many arguments pro and con. According to practice in racing engagements, undertakings connected with racing are rendered null and void when the hiring contractor dies. This may turn out to be the case with

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but be the result what it may as regards agreement, the public will not be affected, their nominators being alive.

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Uncle Jack,

who has been trained at Lewes, is, comparatively speaking, a fresh horse as regards service in steeplechasing, and he is just the sort for whom a sportsman keen on winning the Grand National Steeplechase might make a big bid. Now that the great steeplechase at Auteuil and the hurdle-race have been thrown open for geldings, a great many more English horses are likely to compete in these events. Myself, I think that Uncle Jack will do better over a bigger country; still, there is no reason why he should not like the low French fences; besides, there is plenty of time to think about the Steeplechase de Paris after the big Whitsuntide steeplechase at Manchester has been decided.

I am curious to see how the

Grand National Handicap

will be framed, and what weight will be given to Hidden Mystery, who has been talked and talked up till you would think he could win carrying two ten-stone jockeys. I do not suppose that the handicapper will take any notice of this chatter, but it would only be the chatterers' fault if he were put at the top of the schedule.

The Brothers Lester and Johnny Reiff

will, no doubt, be able to make good arrangements in place of the agreement under which they contracted to ride for Huggins's stable. The terms were certainly very high, as each had a retainer of two thousand five hundred pounds, but according to last year's performances this was not too much for a federation who bet freely.

I am not going to inflict a statistical dissertation on *P.I.P.* readers, who should have had quite enough of that sort of thing offered them about the spring handicaps. Suffice it to say that these are generally very satisfactory. There is a falling off certainly in

The Liverpool Steeplechase,

but that is not because good-class horses have been left out of the entry.

One of the best shows is made in

The Gold Cup,

with fifty-one entries. Diamond Jubilee, who is put in the Ascot race, is an acceptor for the three ten thousand-pounders, two at Newmarket and one at Sandown. I note that

The Prince of Wales's Three-Year-Old, Lord Quex,

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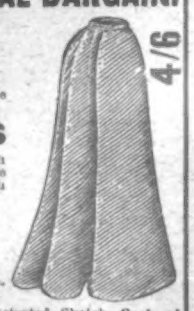

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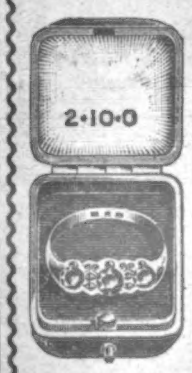

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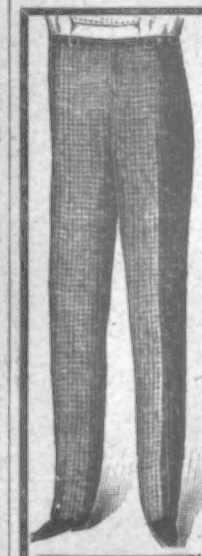

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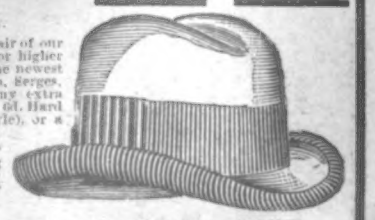

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